



CRUMBS
of
COMFORT

And Godly
PRAYERS.
With
Thankful

Remembrances
of Gods won-
derful delive-
rances of this
Land.
Printed for
Henry Brome.

Persecution.
1658.

Pauley's Treatise
1605.

Invasion.
1658.

Visitations.
1658.

21 MAY 1917

10

1200

BRITISH MUSEUM





THE
PRINTER
TO THE
Reader.

Courteous Reader,

THe truth I said
in the former E-
ditions of this Book:
the desire of a Prayer-
A 2 Book

To the Reader.

Book in this Volume, was the first motive that made me gather some prayers out of divers mens Works, which were either not common, or out of Print; and to get some Godly Ministers of mine acquaintance, and so make up this Book of Crums; which I therefore first so called, for the manner of gathering.

To the Reader.

gathering. And being
desirous to keep the Ti-
tle and manner of the
Book, because I see it
is well accepted of some
good people, now to the
Thirty Ninth Edition,
I have obtained of a
good Friend the Revi-
sing and Correcting of
it in many things; who
because of the Title,
hath thought fit to
place in some of the first

A 3 Leafs,

To the Reader.

Leaf: certain passages
of Scripture, by which
example thou mayst ga-
ther more for like occa-
sion, and for which it
may more justly bear
the name, The Crums
of Comfort: to whom
I have been also behol-
den for some special
Prayers and Thanks-
givings. And though
before I used the letters
of their Names, out of
whose

To the Reader.

whose Writings I had
collected some of the
Prayers ; yet now, lest
any offence should be
taken, I forbear, wish-
ing thy true good and
comfort in this, and all
thou readeſt ; and reſt,

Thine in the Lord,

M. S.

To the Reader

Suppose Writings I had
collected some of the
Prayers; yet now, lest
my offence should be
taken, I forbear, wishing
you true good and
comfort in this, and all
other respects; and rest,

Thine in the Lord

21. 2.

2

21. 2.



What Prayer is.

I.

Payer is a serious
lifting up of our
hearts unto God, in
the Name of Christ Jesus,
either to crave needful
things, or to give thanks for
things received.



What time we are to take for Prayer.

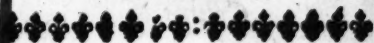
2 **W**E ought always
to pray, at least
three times a day: In the
A 5 Morn-

Trums of

Morning, at Noon, and at Night. There are three special occasions for it : The entrance upon the days calling : the receiving of Gods creatures for our enabling ; going to rest after our travel. Look back in these, how God hath preserved, provided, and blessed thee, and they are answerable occasions of praise. See *Dan. 10.* & *Psal. 55. 17.* *Evening and Morning, and at Noon will I praise thee.* And in *Pf. 119. 164.* *Seven times a day do I praise thee.* And more the Apostle in *1 Thes. 5. 17.* saith, *Pray continually,* and *v. 18.* *In all things give thanks.*

First

Comfort.



*First, prepare thy heart, then
seek the Lord by Prayer.*

IF thou art to come be-
fore a King, or great
Person, thou wilt consider
for what thou comest to
him; and wilt order thy
self in *behaviour, apparel,*
and *words*, and frame thy
self to all dutiful *reverence*
and *seemliness*: Much more
order thy self to come be-
fore thy Glorious Crea-
tor, the King of Kings.
*Eccles. 5. 2. Be not rash with
thy mouth, and let not thy
heart be hasty to utter a
thing before God; for God is*
in

Crumbs of

*in the heavens, and thou art
on the earth, therefore let thy
words be few.*

✠✠✠:✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠:✠✠✠

*What gesture we are to use
in Prayer.*

4 **T**He most decent, and
fittest gesture is *knee-
ling*, and looking up to Hea-
ven, especially when we de-
fire Mercy, Grace, or any
blessing to come down up-
on us: *groveling* or *looking
downwards* to the Earth,
when we remember and be-
wail our sinful life past, *Act.*
7. 60.

Yet any decent gesture
may be used, so it be come-
ly, and serve for our furthe-
rance in devotion, or better
expres-

Comfort.

expressing our affections. It may be either in going, standing, sitting or lying.

✠✠ We may pray also either with voice, as *David* in his *Psalms*: or in silence, as *Moses* and *Nehemiah*.

Besides our most special *Devotions* at set times, we may use *Ejaculations* at all times upon every occasion; which are short desires of the heart lifted up to God with great fervency.

✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠:✠✠✠✠✠✠✠

Why God sometimes doth not bear our Prayers.

5 **F**irst, because sometime we do ask we know not what, *Mat. 20. 22.* And
Jesus

Crumbs of

Jesus answered and said, Ye ask ye know not what. The things may be good, but not good or fit for us.

Another reason, because we ask amiss. *Jam. 4. 2. Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may lay out the same upon your pleasures.*

God doth also defer sometimes in that which he will hear, and delays granting what we desire, that he may the more stir up our *Faith* and *Hope*, and make us more careful and diligent to pray; and that we may the better esteem his gifts when we have them, and shew our selves more

Comfort.

Ye more thankful and obedient
The unto him for them.
not



In thy preparation endeavour to be,

6 **F**irst, truly humbled in
thy self in sight of
thy sins, and sense of the oc-
casions of thy prayer.

2. To be raised upon
some comfortable assurance
of Gods mercy in pardon-
ing thy sins, and of his fa-
vour to hear and help thee
through Jesus Christ.

*Jam. 4. 10. Humble your
selves before the Lord, and he
will raise you up.*

A

Crumbs of



A good means to help us in our preparation, and to stir us up to Prayer, would be,

7 **F**irst, a pious consideration of the greatness and goodness of our heavenly Father.

Secondly, a sense of our own unableness to crave of God his holy Spirit to assist us in our Prayers.

Thirdly, the present reading, or serious (though brief) meditating on some such part of Gods Word, as either makes for our *humiliation*, or *faith*, or may come nearer, or concern the

Comfort.

the special occasion of our
prayers.

Alms and *Fastings* are
good means to further our
private Devotions, as well
as the more publick, as we
may see *Acts* 10.

*Some special passages of Gods
Word gathered up, where-
with the poor Soul that is
not more able to provide by
his own skill, or hath not
always at hand better store,
may pick some comfort, and
gather some strength.*

8 **F**Or humiliation in sight
of thine own sins,
meditate on these and such
like places.

John

Crumbs of

John 9. 1. God heareth
not sinners.

Prov. 1. 24. Because I have
called and ye refused, I have
stretched out my hand, and
no man regarded.

Vers. 28. Then they shall
call upon me, but I will not
answer; They shall seek me
early, but they shall not find
me.

Isai. 1. 14, 15. Bring no
more oblations in vain. When
you shall stretch out your
hands, I will hide mine eyes
from you; and though you
make many prayers, I will not
hear: For your hands are full
of blood.

9. To

Comfort.



TO help the Repen-
tants faith, by the
mercy and grace of God in
Christ, meditate on these
and such like places.

1 John 2. 1. *These things
write I unto you, that you sin
not; & if any man sin, we have
an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous, and
he is the propitiation for our
sins.*

Isai. 1. 16. *Wash you, make
you clean, take away the evil
of your works from before
mine eyes; Cease to do evil,
learn to do well: Come now
let us reason, &c.*

1 Cor.

Crumbs of

*1 Cor. 6. 11. Such were
some of you, but ye are washed
but ye are sanctified, but
are justified in the Name of
the Lord Jesus, and by the
Spirit of our God.*

*Rom. 8. 33, 34. Who shall
lay any thing to the charge of
Gods chosen? It is God that
justifieth; who shall con-
demn?*

*Heb. 10. 22. Let us draw
near with a true heart, in
assurance of faith, our hearts
being pure from an evil con-
science.*

*1 John 5. 14, 15. And this
is that assurance that we
have in him, that, if we ask
any thing according to his
will, he heareth us. And if we
know*

Comfort.

Now that he heareth us, what-
ever we ask, we know that
we have the Petitions which
we have desired of him.

Mat. 11. 28. Come unto me
all ye that are weary and la-
den; and I will ease you.

Psal. 50. 15. Call upon me
in the day of trouble, so will
I deliver thee; and thou shalt
glorifie me.

Eccles. 7. 14. In the day of
affliction consider.

Heb. 12. 10. He chasten-
eth us for our profit, that we
might be partakers of his ho-
liness.

Verse 11. Now no chaste-
ning for the present seemeth
to be joyous, but grievous;
but afterwards it bringeth the
quiet

Crumbs of

*quiet fruit of righteousness, fig-
unto them which are there
exercised.*

*James 1. 4. Let patience
have her perfect work, that
ye may be perfect and entire
lacking nothing.*

*Psalms 126. 5. They that
sow in tears, shall reap in
joy.*

*Rom. 15. 4. Whatsoever
was written afore-time, was
written for our learning, that
by patience and comfort of the
Scripture, we might have
hope.*

*Rom. 8. 26. The Spirit
helpeth our infirmities: for we
know not how to pray as we
ought; but the Spirit it self
maketh request for us, with
sighs*

Comfort.

ousness sighs that cannot be expressed.
there Gal. 4. 6. God hath sent
forth the Spirit of his Son in-
atience to your hearts, which cryeth
the Abba, Father.



the
up in Holy Sentences containing
useful matter for Medita-
tion.

wa
that 10 **F**irst, in the multitude
of the sorrows of
my heart, thy Comforts
have refreshed my Soul.

pirit
we
we
self
ith
gh
2. Be not dismayed having
nothing, be thou the servant
of God, and thou hast more
than the Lords of the Earth
in their great possessions.

3. If

Crumbs of

3. If thou beest truly
godly, thou shalt never fall
into extream misery.

4. Godliness brings con-
tentation; and being con-
tented, thy Wealth exceed
the Treasures of the Migh-
ty.

5. Earthly Jewels are as
Chaff or dust, for Riches fly
away with the wings of the
wind, but the graces of the
Spirit remain for ever.

6. Wouldest thou have
thy Children thrive after
thee, and leave them a good
Estate? Look not to thy
Chests; or Bags, or store
of Land which thou hast to
leave them; but be thou
Vertuous; Godly, and Re-
ligious.

Comfort.

religious, and God will be the bringer up of thy Children, and prepare a portion for them.

7. True blessedness doth not consist in great wealth, but they which hunger after Righteousness shall be satisfied.

8. *Lazarus* went from Poverty to Riches, and *Dives* from Riches to Poverty.

9. Howl ye rich men, for the Canker and Rust of your Gold and Silver shall one day witness against you.

10. Godliness begins with Wants, Sorrows, Sadness, Sting of Conscience;

Crums of

ence, Losses, Poverty, affliction of Soul, Dejection of Spirit, Penitency for Sins. These be the Harbingers of Heaven.

11. The rich hath pleasure, the poor pain, in this World: But the rich are tormented, and the poor comforted in the World to come.

12. My son, take heed to thy own heart. For thy heart is deceitful, and may well be called the great Impostor of the World.

13. The righteous find the way sooner to Heaven in prison, than the Prince in his Palace.

14. Never fear what God

Comfort.

God doth against thee, but
rather be afraid what thou
doest against God.

15. Crosses to the Godly
reclaim them, Crosses to
the Wicked consume them.

16. Persecutions in their
own Natures are curses; but
if we put them to the best
use, they are blessings: For
through the valley of Tears,
we come to the Hill of
Joy.

17. He that will not seek
God in prosperity, the
Lord will not be found of
him in adversity: For how
can we look that GOD
should save us, if we do not
serve him?

18. Make not Religion

Crumbs of

the Cloak and Colour for deceit. For then thou wilt find thy self deceived, and God will disappoint thy presumption.

19 The Law of Nature concurs with the Law of God. *Do to all as thou wouldest be dealt withall,* and then thou mayest expect a blessing upon all thou takest in hand.

20. As one Lamp lights many, and gives ten times more than it hath it self, and loseth none of its own light; so one godly man by his good example, makes many more, always maintaining good to himself, and assisting others.

21. If

Comfort.

21. If thou be so sinful a sinner as not to think of sin, and of thy death, and Resurrection ; Remember thy own Conscience shall at last accuse thee : For as a man dies, and worms are bred in the dead carcases to consume it ; so the worm of thy Conscience shall come to testifie against thee at the last day.

22. When thou art ready to commit a sin, think God stands before thee to perswade thee from it, the Devil behind thee to drive thee to it, thy own Conscience in the midst to terrifie thee after it, the Heavens above to witness

Crumbs of

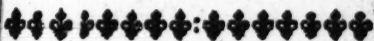
against it, the earth below
to swallow thee for it:
therefore pray stedfastly
that thou mayst be delive-
red from it.

23. Consider the Flower
of the field, how it flourish-
eth in the Spring, and dieth
in the Winter, and yet ri-
seth to his former lustre;
so remember thy life, thy
death, and last thy resurre-
ction.

24. Wheresoever thou
goest, ridest, and remainest,
if thou be alone, take one
of these Companions to
thee, either thy *Prayer-
Book*, or thy *Bible*; good
thoughts, or charitable
works: for these four are
the

Comfort.

the fittest companions thou
canst have to be with thee
in any occasion whatsoever.



Let thy Prayer be thus
Framed.

First, *confess thy sin.*

Secondly, crave faith.

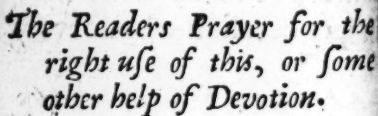
Thirdly, desire repentance.

*Fourthly, perseverance in
good.*

*Fifthly, directions for a
good life.*

*Sixthly, for the Church
and family.*

*Seventhly, Thanksgiving
for all benefits received.*



II **M**OST gracious
Lord, which
knowest the grievous sins
and manifold infirmities of
thy poor and unworthy ser-
vant, give me access unto
thy Throne of Grace by
Christ Jesus, and grant that
what so I ask of thee may
be to the Glory of thy
Name, the good of thy
People, comfort and sal-
vation of mine own soul.
Also grant me so to make
use of this and other helps
of

Meditations.

of Devotion, that in and by
them I may chiefly seek for,
and stir up the grace of thy
holy Spirit, whereby I may
in heart cry *Abba, Father,*
to thy Heavenly Majesty;
that so thou mayst look on
me as thy Child, and pour
on me thy grace, whereby
I may be enabled to shew
my self thy servant here,
and be accepted among thy
children in Heaven through
Christ Jesus, *Amen.*



PRAVERS AND MEDITATIONS.

12.

*A Morning Prayer at our first
rising from sleep.*

O Heavenly Father
of all light, the
true Sun-shine,
so open my heart with
this the opening of my
eyes, that it may still be so
fixed on thee, that this
day,

Meditations.

day, and all the rest of my
life, I may find comfort and
consolation in thee: And
grant most merciful Father,
as thou hast been my Keep-
er this night, for which I
give thee most humble and
heartly thanks, so thou mayst
be my Guider and Comfort
this day and all the days of
my life. Grant this, good
God and merciful Father,
for Jesus Christ his sake, our
Lord and Saviour, we in-
treat thee in that Prayer
thou hast taught us,

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

Another



Another Morning Prayer.

13 **O** Most gracious God
and loyng Father,
we heartily thank thee for
all thy loving kindnesse so
abundantly shewed upon
us: for our Election, Crea-
tion, Redemption, merci-
ful Vocation, Justification,
Sanctification, and continu-
al Preservation, and for the
same assured and most com-
fortable Hope which thou
hast given us of our glori-
fication in the world to
come. We praise thy gra-
cious goodness, for so
mercifully preserving us
this

Meditations.

✠ this present night, and delivering us from all dangers, both of Soul and Body, for that thou hast given us so sweet and comfortable rest, and hast at this present brought us to the beginning of this day. And as thou hast safely preserved us unto this present hour, from all danger of this life : so we beseech thee to continue this thy favour towards us this day, and the whole course of our life. Suffer us not by vain allurements of this world, to be drawn away into sin and wickedness, assist us with thy Grace and holy Spirit, that we spend not
our

Prayers and

our times vainly or idely,
but that we may always be
diligently exercised in the
duties of our calling, to the
benefit of our brethren, and
discharge of our consciences:
grant that in all our consul-
tations, words and works,
we may ever have thee pre-
sent before our eyes,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, *Amen.*

Our Father which art, &c.



*A Prayer to be said when we
wash in the Morning.*

14 **O** Lord God Hea-
venly Father, wash
away,

Meditations.

idely, away, I beseech thee, our
ys be sins, cleanse us from our ini-
n the quities, purge our hearts,
o the and purifie us wholly with
, and thy grace: and as this wa-
ence: tery Element washeth off
nsul- the filth from our Bodies;
orks, so, we beseech thee, send
pre- down thy heavenly grace,
yes, to wash and cleanse our
our Souls from sin; and grant
we may keep them this day
c. free from all spots of un-
cleanness, and all manner of
wickedness. Grant this, O
gracious God, we beseech
thee, for Christ Jesus sake,
who therefore came to take
away the sins of the world,
hear and have mercy upon
us, *Amen.*

A

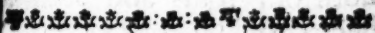


A Noon Prayer.

15 **O** LORD GOD,
glorious in Majesty, strong in power, mighty in deliverance: I poor Worm, dust and ashes of the Earth, present my self before thee, most entirely thanking thee for preserving me the part of this day past, and now I intreat thee to preserve me the rest of it coming; and grant I may so carry my self in all my affairs and occasions, that I may find my self directed by thy Heavenly Wisdom, and thy good providence over me; And
to

Meditations.

to that purpose (O Lord)
let me have thy fear before
mine eyes, thy help and as-
sistance to lead me in the
ways of Godliness, Righte-
ousness, and all true holi-
ness. Keep me, O Lord, from
sin and wickedness, and
prosper and preserve me in
all happiness the rest of this
day coming, and through
the whole course of my life.
I beseech thee for Christ Je-
sus sake, *Amen.*



A Prayer before meat.

16 **O** Lord God blefs and
sanctifie, we be-
seech thee, these thy good
Creatures which thou hast
pro-

Prayers and

provided for our nourishment, make them fit food for our body, that by the strength of them we may be quickned and made more apt and able to serve thee: and grant, O Lord, that as we are careful to provide food for our bodies, so we may much more labour for the Heavenly Bread, and be careful to gather of the *Crumbs of Comfort*, which fall from thy Table, that both our souls and bodies being fully satisfied, we may be made wholly fit to serve thee both now and ever, and walk acceptable before thee, till thou bring us to the place where we shall
never

Meditations.

urish ever hunger & thirst more,
food but live eternally, through
y the Iesus Christ our Saviour.

may God forgive us our sins;
more increase our Faith, and give
hee : us grace to bring forth the
at as fruits of faith, *Amen.*

vide *A Thanksgiving after Meat.*

17 **O** Lord we give thee
for hearty thanks for
d be all thy blessings and benefits
the bestowed upon us, and be-
ich seech thee, that as thou dost
hat cloath our bodies, and now
ies hast also fed them with cor-
ay poral food, so thou wilt
ve cover our souls with thy
nd Heavenly graces, and nou-
re rish them with the food of
to thy holy Word; and grant
ll (O Lord God) that as thou
er hast

Prayers and

hast been mindful of us in
satisfying our hunger, and
supplying our wants, we
may be mindful of our
poor brethren, in affording
them such comforts as our
abilities can perform. And
that we may still enjoy
both these temporal and
spiritual blessings, we pray
thee continue thy goodness
towards us; keep and de-
fend thy Church with eve-
ry part and member of the
same: preserve Peace in
this Land, and help thy di-
stressed People, and such as
stand in need of any com-
forts: We beseech thee suc-
cour all poor people, & such
as be in want, Replenish
the

Meditations.

us in the sad heart with joy, re-
lease the Prisoners, relieve
the Fatherless, and Wi-
dows, and send us also such
grace, that the rich may re-
member the affliction of
Joseph, and the poor be
contented with the portion
which thou hast appointed,
that we may all hunger and
thirst after Righteousness,
and be satisfied according to
thy promise. Grant this (O
Lord God) for Jesus Christs
sake, to whom with thee,
and thy sanctifying Spirit,
both now and evermore, be
all thanks, praise, and glory,
Amen.

An

Prayers and



An Evening Prayer.

18 **O** MOST gracious
Lord God and
loving Father, we heartily
thank thee for all thy lo-
ving kindness so abundant-
ly shewed towards us: For
our Election, Creation, Re-
demption, merciful Vocati-
on, Justification, Sanctifi-
cation, continual Preserva-
tion, and for that same assu-
red and most comfortable
hope which thou hast gi-
ven us of our Glorification
in the World to come. We
do praise thy glorious
goodness for so mercifully
preserving us this present
day,

Meditations.

day, and delivering us from
perils and dangers both of
body and soul: for prospe-
ring and preserving us in
health and prosperity, for
keeping us from sudden
death and all dangers, and
giving us all things neces-
sary for this present life, as
Health, Food, Apparel, and
all other convenient things
needful. This gracious
goodness of thine, we be-
seech thee (O Lord) to
continue towards us for-
ever. And here, O Lord
God, we offer unto thee
our selves and ours, our
Souls and Bodies; we re-
commend our Lives, our
Means, and all we have
unto

Prayers and

unto thy gracious preservation and protection, in assurance that that cannot perish which is committed unto thee. Keep us this night in safety, and grant good Lord that our bodies may sleep, and our Souls may watch for the coming of our Saviour thy Son Jesus Christ, that to our Souls and Bodies may be more apt and able to serve thee in that estate & calling wherein thou hast thought good to place us. We confess and acknowledge (O merciful God) that we are most miserable and wicked Sinners, as well by origin and corruption of our Nature

Meditations.

deserve as by the course of our evil
, in and naughty life, we have
innot and do daily break and
tted transgress thy most holy
this Laws and Commandments
grant both in thought, word, and
odies deed. By the means of this
Soul sin and corruption, we do
ning continually deserve most
Son just condemnation, and to
our be for ever cast out of thy
y be presence : Yet such is thy
serve goodness towards us, that
alling thou wouldest not suffer us
ough thus to perish in our sins,
com but hast sent thine own
(O dear Son, Christ Jesus, to
re are take upon him whatsoever
icked is due to us, and to reconcile
igin and make us one with thee
ature again. In him therefore,

C

and

Prayers and

and through him we come
unto thee; beseeching thee
for his sake, that we feeling
the grievousness of our
sins, and groaning under
the burthen of them, may
find the release and ease of
them, in that we, through
thy holy Spirit, stedfastly
believe that Christ hath
born the burthen of them
even for us. Grant, O Lord,
that we being assured here-
of in our Consciences, may
through the holy Spirit be
renewed with more graces,
and hate, detest, and ab-
hor all manner of sin, and
study to live in all things
according to thy blessed
will, during our whole life:
grant

Meditations.

grant this (O Father) for
Jesus Christ his sake.

Amen.

Lord, increase our Faith.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



A Meditation at midnight.

19 **G**Racious Lord, un-
der whose prote-
ction we rest; when we a-
wake, give us leave to think
of thee, let us in our dreams
draw near unto thee,
do thou prepare us for
thee, and let us never be
taken unprovided, but

Prayers and

(with the wise Virgins)
ready prepared whensoever
thou shalt call us, to go with
thee; and so we recom-
mend our selves, and souls,
and all unto thee, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, *A-*
men.



*A Morning Prayer for
Servants.*

20 **O** Most gracious, and
merciful, glorious,
and everlasting Father,
which createdst Light and
Darkness, which hast
made all things, and gover-
nest and guidest all things,

Meditations.

I poor, wretched, miserable, and wicked sinner, cast my self down here before thy Glorious Throne, begging, craving, and beseeching thee, even for Christ Jesus sake, to look down upon me, poor and distressed wretch, with pity and compassion, to pardon, forgive and forget all my sin, Actual and Original, Ommissions and Commissions, or whatsoever; All (O Lord God) that I have committed against thee in thought, word, or deed: O pardon them, I beseech thee, bury them in the depth of the Sea, O LORD, open the streams of thy Mercy;

Prayers and

pour down the shower
of thy grace ; quell the
imaginations and wicked
thoughts of my mind ; set-
tle assured Faith in my
Conscience : fill my heart
with thy Heavenly Graces ;
grant in all my Service ,
I may be thy true Servant
and so for thee , may do
true service to my Master
and Mistress, that in all du-
ty I may be pleasing , and
acceptable to them ; that
with all singleness and sin-
cerity of heart, I may do all
things, and deal uprightly in
all that I take in hand , and
that at the last I may hear
with comfort that joyful
saying, *Well done thou good*
and

Meditations.

and faithful Servant, enter
into the rest and joy of thy
Heavenly Master: Which
grant, most gracious God,
for Jesus Christ his sake, A-
men.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*An Evening Prayer for a
Servant.*

21 **O** Lord God, I give
thee most hearty
thanks for that thou hast
granted me grace to pass
this day quietly, in doing
my duty towards my Ma-
ster,

Prayers and

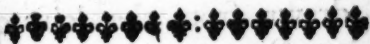
ster, grant I may pass this night in quiet sleep, keep me, (O Lord) set a watch over me, let thy good Angels guard me, and grant me such sweet and comfortable rest, that I may be refreshed in the morning, and made fit to serve and obey thee; and also to serve and please my Master in all uprightness and diligence. Let me ever be employed in thy service, and grant that sleeping and waking I may be acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ, in whom I take my rest, and commend my self, this House, and all my good Friends, and all thy People,
now

Meditations.

now and for ever , to thy
gracious and powerful pre-
servation and protection.

Amen.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



A Prayer for Children.

22 **O** Eternal God, Crea-
tor and Governor
of all things , Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ , and in
him our gracious Father,
we thy poor Children, be-
seech thee to give us thy Fa-
therly and Heavenly bles-
sing, to take us into thy ho-
ly Government, to spread

Prayers and

the wings of thy protection
on over us : but first of all
we do here confess , that
we were conceived in sin
and brought forth in iniquity ,
and by reason of
our original corruption
drawn from the loins of
our Parents, we are apt to
every thing that is evil
averse to any thing that is
good ; Being now in the
beginning of our days, we
are ready to begin to sin
and now in our tender
years are strong enough
to act wickedness ; Here
therefore do we prostrate
ourselves before thee, with
this humble Petition, that
thou wouldest be pleased

Meditations.

to mortifie the corruption,
and to suppress the rebel-
lion of our proud Nature,
to subdue our carnal lusts,
to over-rule our unruly
wills, to bring into order
our irregular affections, to
season our hearts with thy
Grace, and to plant in us
such a fear of thy Name,
that we may never depart
from thee: Regenerate us
with thy holy Spirit, that
we may be born again,
and have our souls bathed
in the blood of thy Son,
as well as our bodies were
washed with water in Bap-
tism; baptize us into the
death of Christ, that we
may die unto sin; make us
to

Prayers and

to feel the virtue of his Resurrection, that we may walk in newness of life. Catechise us out of thy holy Word, that it may be a light to our Feet, and a Lanthorn to our Paths; and frame us to the respective entertainment of their wholesome Counsel who are able to instruct us. Preserve our Parents and Governours whom thou hast set over us, that they may bring us up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and grant in us obedience unto them, and a care of shewing all due reverence, not only to them, but also to all our Elders
and

Meditations.

and betters, that are before
us. Make us circumspect
in all our ways, consciona-
ble in our walking, and ve-
ry wary with what persons
we converse. Work in us
sometimes, both a desire and
endeavour to serve thee:
grant that we may remem-
ber thee our Creator in the
days of our youth, that we
may then set our selves to
thy Worship, when we are
best able to perform it.
Make us daily to die unto
Sin, hourly to live unto
Righteousness, and grow
in grace like young plants,
and never leave growing,
till we come to be tall Ce-
dars in the Paradise of
God,

Prayers and

God, even perfect men in
Christ Jesus. In whose sweet
Name we beg at thy hand
these, and all other blessings
which thou knowest to be
needful for us; not doubt-
ing but that for his sake,
who commanded children
to be brought unto him, fa-
vourably imbraced them,
and graciously blessed them,
thou also wilt receive, im-
brace, and bless us now
coming unto thee. So be it,
O Father, for the merits of
that thy dear Son, who with
thee and thy holy Spirit, be
praised and magnified now
and evermore, *Amen.*

Meditations.

*A Prayer for Sunday
Morning.*

23 **O** MOST Gracious
Lord God, with a
trembling heart, and fear-
ful Conscience, and watery
plants, and bended Knees, I
here poor dejected wretch
prostrate my self at thy
Throne of mercy. O Lord,
I thank thee that thou hast
brought this week about
with me, helping me with
all things which were need-
ful for my body. Now, O
Lord, fit and prepare my
soul and body for thy Sab-
bath. I confess this night
past, and all my life, thou
hast

Prayers and

thou hast bin my refuge and stay,
be unto me (O Lord) as
thou hast been, still my Pro-
tector, my everlasting De-
fence, my Stay, my Guide,
my Hope, my Hold, my
strong Fortrefs, to which I
may always resort: and as
thou hast appointed this
Sabbath day for man to
employ himself in thy ser-
vice; so, O Lord, grant my
heart to be free, and to rest
from all worldly cares, and
wholly to be spent and set-
led upon thee. Grant I may
apply my self to learn
wisdom and godliness.
Sanctifie my Soul, my Bo-
dy, my Mind, Thoughts,
Deeds, and Words; Lord,

Meditations.

fit and prepare my heart to
hear, read, practise, and
follow thy Word; and as
thou hast appointed thy
Preachers to preach and in-
struct us this day in thy
Word, so open our hearts,
and preserve our senses to
Purity and Godliness, that
we may be always ready
prepared for thy Kingdom.
Grant unto us, that neither
this day, nor at any time,
any evil may take hold of
us, but that all good may
be so rooted in our hearts,
& minds, that our thoughts
may always be of thee.
And (Lord) we beseech
thee to grant us grace so to
read and hearken to thy
Word,

Prayers and

Word, that we may re-
profit thereby in all things
Grant thy good Angels to
guard us, and to be about
us, that Satan may not
hinder any good work in
us; and grant that we may
spend this whole day in the
works of sanctification, in
publick and private praise
and thanksgiving, to thy
glory, and our comfort and
souls health, through Christ
our Mediator and Redeem-
er, and by the help of the
holy Spirit our Sanctifier.
Amen.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

Meditations.



A Prayer for Sunday Night.

4 **P**Repare, O Lord, our hearts to Prayer; O Lord, open our mouths, and let our lips shew forth thy praise. Settle our affections upon thee, grant unto us (or me) our requests. Bend and prepare us for thy service, Lord we beseech thee.

O Our Everlasting and Loving Father, merciful good God, Creator, Guider, Defender, Protector, Governour, and Maker of all things, which createdst the light and darkness, who

Prayers and

who preparedst the Seas, and
foundedst the dry Land;
who hast made man, and ga-
vest him wit, senses, and un-
derstanding, to be a second
means to help himself by
thee; Look down we be-
seech thee, upon all mi-
serable distressed sinners,
more especially upon us,
and grant unto us pardon
for all our sins, Actual
and Original, sins of
Omission or Commission,
Imagination; or any way
whatsoever. O Lord, par-
don them, quit and free us
from all punishment; let
them not be horror unto
our Conscience, nor terror
to our Souls, but wash and
cleanse

Meditations.

cleanse us: O Lord, free and
quit them from us, let them
not come as a Judge to con-
demn us, nor choose our
sins as a Jury to overthrow
us; but (O Lord) bury
them, cast them behind
thee, forget and forgive
them; and we beseech thee
call us not to an account
for them. Let not mischief
fall upon us nor our Chil-
dren, we intreat thee; let
not misery come near unto
us, but bless and keep us,
we beseech thee, now and
for ever. Lord, we beseech
thee to bless the Word
which we have heard prea-
ched unto us this day, & al-
so that which we have read;
bless

Prayers and

bleſs and ſanctifie the ſame
unto us, Lord, we beg of
thee. Bleſs likewise thy
whole Church diſtreſſed,
diſperſed, and deſpiſed;
help and relieve it in due
time, and comfort all that
be in danger: build it up
where it is new begun, as
namely in *Virginia*, *New-
England*, *Summer Iſlands*,
the *East* and *West-Indies*,
Lord, bleſs the means pro-
vided for the furtherance
of the ſame: and we de-
ſire thee to call home the
Indians in thoſe parts, the
Atbeists, *Hereticks*, and *Pa-
piſts* of this Land, and elſe-
where, and all other, that
they may ſee their errours
and

Meditations.

e same and blindness : the wilful
beg of blinded *Jews* , good Lord
e thy all them to fulfil the
essed, number of thy Church. O
pised; merciful Father, we intreat
n due thee to relieve and release
all that all poor Prisoners and
it up Captives wheresoever ; also
n , as all that are troubled in
New-mind, those whose Consci-
lands, ences are laden with grief
ndies, for their sins, Lord, ease and
s pro-relieve them : poor *Idiots*,
erance *foolish* or *frantick* persons,
e de-restore their senses, wits, and
e the understanding ; and grant,
s, the as thou hast left them to be
d Pa-as it were Examples unto
else-us, to fear and tremble at
that thy judgment in them, so
rours grant us (Lord) to have
and the

Prayers and

the more care to fear and obey thee. Likewise comfort all fatherless *Children*, *Widows*, or poor oppressed *Servants*, all *Captives*, and *Prisoners*, oppressed by *Slavery*, *Tyranny*, or *Misery*. put a period and an end unto their griefs, or else (Lord) give them hearts to bear them patiently. And now, O Lord, we intreat thee to receive us into thy protection, keep us, O Lord, from sudden *Death*, *Fire*, and *Thieves*, *Storms*, *Tempests*, and all *Affrightments*, succour and relieve us in all needs and dangers, and send thy good Angel to guard us. Now, O Lord, we return
with

Meditations.

and with all thanks and praise
com- unto thee, and thy holy
dren- Name for all thy blessings
essed- unto this present ; so conti-
and- nue, we beseech thee, thy
Slav- love unto us. We have de-
serv- served thy curse ; thou in-
d un- stead thereof hast given us
ord- thy blessing ; so continually
bear- O Lord, power down thy
now- blessings, and so bless us
ee to- with heavenly blessings,
rote- that we may feel and find
from- thy true comforts. Also
and- bless us with earthly bles-
pests- sings, that we may be help-
suc- ful to others that feel
n all- want or need. Grant these
send- and all good things even for
guard- Christs sake, our Lord and
etern- Saviour, Amen.

D

A

Prayers and

✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠
A Soliloquie for Sunday at
midnight.

25 **L**ORD, how long shall
it be before I cele-
brate the Sabbath of a true
rest in thee? The world seeks
to destroy me, the Devil to
devour me, the flesh to de-
ceive me; come to my aid
Lord, and I shall be in safe-
ty. Every one desires joy and
comfort. Lord, let me find
thee my only joy, and com-
fort. I come and yield my
soul into thy hands; thou art
my father, dispose of me as
pleaseth thee. Come Lord Je-
sus, for I am come to thee; sit
with me, I am willing to abide
with thee; aid, support

Meditations.

and remain with me this night, and for ever; rest with my thoughts, Amen.



A Morning Prayer for Munday.

26 **O** LORD GOD which madest the Heavens, the Earth, the Sea, Man, Fish, Birds, and Beasts, and all things: we poor distressed Sinners, full of sin and iniquity, presume to bring unto thee our wounded souls for to cure; our sins and wickedness have wounded us, our transgressions have taken hold upon us, we are ever

Prayers and

laden with filth, we daily
provoke thy anger, week
after week, day after day,
hour after hour, and eve-
ry minute we transgress
by thought, word, or deed;
we promise amendment,
but daily run on in our
course of wickedness; we
have no mind of Heavenly
things, but the Devil, the
World, and the flesh, haunt
us in all our thoughts, at all
times, Nay, in our very
Prayers they betray us, and
carry our mind another
way: Yet Lord, as thou hast
spared us this week past,
and all the rest of our lives:
so we beseech thee to
spare us this week com-

ing

Meditations.

ing, and all the time we have to live. And, as we now begin the week, so grant (good God) we may begin with new spiritual Graces, to fear, serve, and obey thee all the days of our life. Keep us, O Lord from sudden death, temptation, tribulation, persecution and affliction; prosper our works, our Labours, our Pains; be with us at the beginning, proceeding, and ending in our Vocation and Calling; grant we may deal uprightly, and let the carriage of our Affairs be so pleasing unto thee, that they may draw down thy blessings upon us; keep

Prayers and

us we pray thee this week following, thriving in our estates, and religious in our carriage, always meditating of good, for thy glory, the Church, and the Commonwealth, so that whatsoever we lay our hands unto, thou wilt bend our hearts to the same, so it be to thy praise and glory. Receive us, merciful Father, into thy protection, and grant us these graces and all comforts that are, may, or can be for our furtherance to Salvation, even for thy only Sons sake Christ Jesus our Lord: to whom with thee and thy Holy Spirit, be all praise
Honour

Meditations.

Honour, and Glory, now
and for ever, *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.



*An Evening Prayer
for Munday.*

27 **O** LORD, which art
our God, we in-
treat thee upon the ben-
ded knees of our bodies, to
accept this our Evening
Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
and Praise. We thank thee,
O Lord God, for keeping
us this day past, and all the
rest of our life, for giving
us food, rayment, health,

D †

and

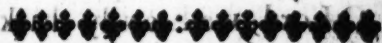
Prayers and

and prosperity; for keeping us now and ever from sudden death, and all other miseries; so we beseech thee, O Lord God, to keep us this night coming in peace and quietness, both in Body and goods: grant, good God, unto us quiet rest and sleep: keep us from all evil whatsoever, we humbly intreat thee, and set thy good Angels as a guard and watch over us, that we may enjoy the sweet rest and comfort of this night; that we may be the better able to go on in thy service: and grant that when we wake, we may wake with the joy of thy
holy

Meditations.

holy Spirit, and to be settled in the true assurance of thy gracious protection, that we may daily find and feel some comforts of thy heavenly graces in our hearts, with joy and comfort. Grant this, dear Father, for Christ Jesus sake, our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

Our Father which art, &c.



*A Morning Prayer for
Tuesday.*

28 **W**E intreat thee
most merciful
Father to accept our Pray-
D 5 ers

Prayers and

ers and supplications which
we shall offer before thy
divine Majesty; we con-
fess and acknowledge, thou
mightest have poured down
justly thy judgments and
Indignation upon us. In
justice thou might'st have
taken us this night past in
our sleep, and plunged us
suddenly into Hell and per-
petual destruction; Yet in
mercy thou hast spared us.
O Lord, we heartily thank
thee, that of thy great
bounty thou hast kept us
safe this night, and brought
us to the beginning of the
day; now spare us, good
Lord, spare us, we beseech
thee, and as thou hast ever

Meditations.

which
thy
con-
, thou
down
s. and
s. 15. In
have
past in
ged in
id per
Yet in
red us
y that
y great
kept in
brought
of the
s, good
e besee
hast ev
be

been our defence, so we
beseech thee defend and
protect us hereafter, that
we may become thy faith-
ful servants and followers.
Bless we beseech thee, this
day and for ever, all our
studies, labours, and travels,
further our endeavours;
bless us in our trading,
help us in our necessities;
and guide us in our ways,
aid us in all good works,
preserve us from all sin and
wickedness, and deliver us
in all temptations; bless,
we beseech thee, our
whole Household, and all
about us, be merciful to
our friends and foes, lessen
the number of our foes,
increase

Prayers and

increase the number of our friends; bless our neighbours; grant unity, concord and love betwixt them and us, keep them and us; and all about us, now and for ever. Grant us, good Lord, full pardon of our sins, and true and lively hope in thy mercies through Christ, our Saviour, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠: ✠✠✠✠✠✠✠

*An Evening Prayer for
Tuesday.*

29 **H** Eavenly God, and
merciful Father,
assist

Meditations.

Assist us in our Prayers, and grant us our requests, we humbly intreat thee, Look down, O Lord, look down, we beseech thee, and grant our requests. We thank thee that thou hast kept and preserved us this day and all the rest of our lives to this present, in health and prosperity, and given good success to our travels and studies; Merciful Father, we intreat thee that as thou hast kept us this day past, so we beseech thee to keep us this night coming; and as thou hast appointed times and seasons, and is this to be the second night in this week, so we beseech

Prayers and

beseech thee, set a second watch over our souls and bodies that we commit no sin in thought nor deed: grant us quiet sleep, comfortable rest; keep and defend us from sudden death and fearful affrightments, danger of fire or tempests, disturbance by Thieves, or any other danger whatsoever: and grant, as we now lie down to rest in bed; so we may remember the rest of our bodies in the Grave, till it please thee to raise us. Bless this night, and forever, all that be forced to travel by Land or Water, all poor Souldiers that keep Watch and Ward

reposed

and

Meditations.

and we beseech thee so to
watch and wake with them
and us, that we may rise in
the morning to give praise
and Thanks unto thee,
through Christ Jesus our
Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*A Morning Prayer for
Wednesday.*

30 **O** Eternal, merciful,
and loving Father,
I intreat thee to look
down upon me, wicked and
wretched sinner, and to
grant my request, O Lord,
I

Prayer said

I give the humble and
heartty thanks, for keeping
me this night past, and that
thou hast safely brought
me to the beginning of
this day; defend me, O
Lord, in the same: and grant
I may spend this day to
thy glory, my comfort, and
good example of all that
are about me. O Lord I
beseech thee, be unto me
a Guid and protector o-
ver my ways, works, and
words, that I shall walk,
do, or speak this day, and
all the rest of my life.
Grant I may wholly dedi-
cate my self unto thee, and
strive to live more godly
and purely; and alway

study

Meditations.

study to fear, serve, and obey thee, and to set forth thy praise, that I may find thy favour, mercy, & goodness, shewred and poured upon me, both now and for ever hereafter: grant this dear God, and merciful Father, as we begg in that Prayer which thou hast taught us, saying.

Our Father which art, &c.

*An Evening prayer for
Wednesday.*

O MOST Gracious God and heavenly Father, renew I beseech me my strength to pray. As the Eagle reneweth

Prayers and

eth his age, so let me re-
new in grace. O Lord, I
beseech thee, accept this
Evening Prayer for all thy
mercies. I have sinned (O
Lord) against thee, in
thought, word, and deed,
this day and all the days
of my life I have done wic-
kedly, insomuch that I am
ashamed to confess my
sins. Yet thou hast spared
me this day and all my life
past, O Lord, I beseech
thee, if I have done any
thing this day, or at any o-
ther time heretofore, that
hath been displeasing un-
to thee, pardon it I be-
seech thee, forgive it I in-
treat thee, forgive it I de-

fire

Meditations.

fire thee, and finally quit
and free me from the pu-
nishment of the same; O
Lord, bless and keep me
this night, and this House
where I am, and each of us
from all bodily and ghost-
ly enemies, from all ill
dreams, and fantasies, and
suggestions of the Devil,
from all storms and tem-
pest, from fire, sudden
death, and danger, good
Lord deliver us all; and
grant we may rise in the
Morning to praise thee,
through Jesus Christ our
Lord, *Amen.*

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

Prayers and

22

10 Prayer at any time in the
night in the time of
danger or fear.

23 **O** LORD, what shall
I do? Whither
shall I fly; Where shall
be safe; but with thee.
Take me, receive me, keep
and defend me now, and
for ever. O Lord, give me
quiet rest and sleep, and
protect me, and grant me,
and all in this house, com-
fort in thee, this night, and
for evermore, Amen.

Meditations.

A Morning Prayer for Thursday.

33 **O** Heavenly Father
and good GOD,
raise and rowle up my dull
senses. As the morning
dawn flyeth up with sweet
singing, still looking up-
wards towards thee: So, O
Lord, grant my heart, eyes,
and affections, and all may
be lift up unto thee. O
Lord, it is thy Mercy that
hath kept me this night
past, and brought me to
the beginning of this day,
give thee hearty thanks
for the same: So, O Lord,
guide and govern me this
day

Prayers and

day, that I may walk up-
right in all my dealings;
be true and just in all my
doings; and give me the
Sanctification of thy Holy
Spirit to find and feel thy
help in the use of prosper-
ity and health, and happi-
ness that shall tend to the
setting forth of thy praise
and glory, that I may
enjoy the benefits of thy
day, that I may find and
feel thy comfort, through
Jesus Christ our only Lord
and Saviour, *Amen.*

Meditations.

*An Evening Prayer for
Thursday.*

84 **O** Most Omnipotent
God, and heavenly
father, most glorious Crea-
tor; I intreat thee to grant
my request, and accept this
my Evening Sacrifice of
Prayer and Thanksgiving,
I beseech thee be a power-
ful Protector and Defender
of me this night: and as thou
hast been, (O Lord) my
Defender all this week
past, so I beseech thee be a
defender of me all the part
that is to come. Keep me
in thy protection, shield

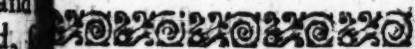
Prayers and

me from all dangers, defend
me from sudden death; and
send, I pray thee, thy good
Spirit to watch over me
this night and forever here
after. I thank thee for ble-
ssing me this day past, and
intreat thee, good God,
to continue thy blessings
and to increase them more
and more towards me, that
I may feel and find that thou
O Lord art my everlasting
shield and succour. And, hea-
venly Father, let me feel
those joys that be true
comfort unto my soul; and
beseech thee grant my
very dreams may be of hea-
ven and heavenly joys, and
grant I may at least enjoy
such

Meditations.

Such joy and comfort in
thee, that I may rest in thy
Kingdom. for ever and e-
ver, Amen.

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



*A Prayer for Friday
Morning.*

UNto thee, O Lord,
I come, with a bro-
ken and contrite heart, sor-
rowing for my sins, seek-
ing to find comfort at thy
hands: O, thou knowest
my grief, my sorrow, and
are. O, I feel and find thy
Comforts, Lord, I thank
E thee

Prayers and

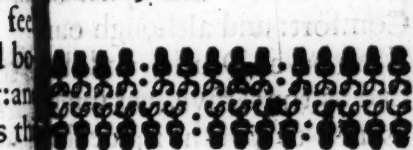
thee that thou hast kept me
the night past, and that thou
hast safely brought me to see
the glistering light. O Lord
stir me up, that I may find
some comfort, preserve and
keep me, that I may feel
some joy in my soul and bo
dy, this day and for ever: and
as the Church observes this
day a Fast, so prepare thou
me, O LORD, in soul and
body, that I may fast from
all sin and wickedness, and
be strong against the works
of the flesh and the devil, and
all temptations, that I fall
not into sin or transgression
on: but grant that I may in
spend this day, with all the
days of my life, in all holiness

con

Meditations.

me conversation, to thy Glory,
hou and good example of all
see Men: Grant this, O Father,
ord now and for ever, *Amen.*

find *Our Father which art in*
and *Heaven, &c.*



*A Prayer for Friday
Night.*

work 36 **M**erciful LORD
, and GOD, which
I fall hast let me pass this day
gress in health and prosperity, I
may intreat thee grant that this
all the night I may take my rest in
l hol quietness and peace; And

con E 2 al-

Prayers and

although thou hast now taken away the day-light, yet I intreat thee not to take away the spiritual light of thy grace; infuse into me (O LORD) the Spirit of Comfort: and although our Sleep be as Death, and our Bed as the Grave, yet suffer us not to perish suddenly, or unprepared: but watch over us, good Father, and guide and guard us now and for evermore. Let not affrightments fall upon us, keep us from fire, storms, tempests, thieves, sudden death and danger: and be unto us now and for ever, a gracious Protector, a Defender, and Director. Let

thy

Meditations.

thy good Angels O Lord,
pitch their Tents about us
and our houses: Remem-
ber thy Church and every
member thereof, to preserve
and keep it, especially the
poor Protestants afflicted
for the truth in *Germany*,
France, and *Spain*, and else-
where; all that are persecu-
ted for the Gospel; all in
tribulation, or temptation,
or misery: Put an end and
period to their griefs,
and send comfort unto
them; and, LORD, re-
ceive them and us, this
night and ever into thy gra-
cious protection, through
the mediation of Christ
Jesus: in whose name we

Prayers and
conclude saying *Our Father*
which art, &c.

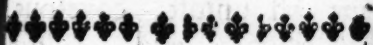


A Trance or Soliloquie at
Midnight.

37 **M**erciful Lord, let
me not die before
I live. My eyes have taken
pleasure in folly, my heart
in sin, now I am sorry for it:
I esteem my self unworthy
to call thee Father ; yet
Lord vouchsafe to account
me still as thy Child that
sleeping or waking I may
be always thine, now and
ever, *Amen.*

A

Meditations.



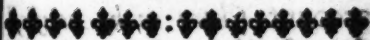
*A Prayer for Saturday
Morning.*

38 **S**anctifie (O LORD)
this day unto us, and
to all about us; Hear us,
dear Father, and grant our
requests now and for ever.
O LORD, we give thee
thanks that thou hast kept
us this night, and to this
present, and brought us to
the last day of this week:
Grant, we may spend this
day soberly, quietly and re-
ligiously from our hearts:
Bring us to thy righteous
will in all things, that it
may be for thy Glory, and
our joy and comfort. Root

Prayers and

out all unjust, covetous
malicious; and lustful
thoughts out of our minds.
Keep us O LORD from all
wickedness, and from all
sin, and be a guide unto us
in all our ways, and a
strength in all our necessary
occasions; and as thou hast
brought us to this last day
of the week, so we intreat
thee to bring an end of sin
unto us, and cloath us with
the robes of Righteousness.
O GOD, we intreat thee
to grant this for our blessed
Mediator's sake, Christ Je-
sus our Lord, *Amen.*

Meditations.



*A Prayer for Saturday
Night.*

39 **M**erciful and Hea-
venly Father, look
upon me wretched sinner,
in mercy, before I come to
give account for all my sins
committed this week, this
day, all my life past. I have
justly deserved Hell, Death,
and Damnation every way,
every day, and every hour
this week, and all my
life past, Yet like a mer-
ciful GOD, thou hast
defended me, O LORD.
As this week is now at an
end, so let my sins end, and
call me not to an exact

Prayers and

account (*here make confession of all thy sins with sorrow, which thou hast committed the whole week past*) O Lord I confess all, I yield my self worthy of death, yet Lord spare me, spare me, have mercy upon me, pardon me, and grant that I may have this night quiet rest, that I may be the better able to serve thee to morrow. Be this night my defence, my guide, my strong hold, my fortress, and sole comfort And grant that I may with a quiet Conscience lie down to take my rest in peace and quietness; let thy good Angels attend on me, sleeping or waking,

let

Meditations.

let no affrightments trouble me, but in the midst of darkness enlighten me with thy glory; and pardon, and forget, and forgive all my sins past. Grant this now and for ever, I beseech thee, in that Prayer which thy Son hath taught me saying.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



A Prayer before a Sermon.

40 **O** Grant, most gracious Father, that our thoughts may not be carried

Prayers and

carried away with any vain
illusions, or bad imaginati-
ons; grant that we be not
overcome with sleep, or
drowsiness, but quicken
(O LORD) we beseech
thee our senses; open, we
intreat thee, our ears; ap-
ply our hearts to hear, and
understand, and follow thy
heavenly word. Grant this
good Father, for thy only
Son's sake, Christ Jesus our
Saviour, *Amen.*

*A Prayer to be said after
Sermon.*

4th **L**ord God, we intreat
thee that the Word
which

Meditations,

which we have heard preached at this time to us, be deeply settled in our hearts: that we by it may so learn to live, that we may please thee, and daily endeavour to fulfil thy will, and spend the rest of our lives in thy true service, and obedience of thee in all things, to the honour of thy Glory, and our Souls true Comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*



*A Prayer to be said before
the receiving of the
Communion.*

42 **O** Father of mercy,
and GOD of all
consolation, seeing all
crea-

Prayers and

creatures do acknowledge
and confesse thee to be
their Governor and Lord, it
becometh us, the work-
manship of thy own hands,
much more to reverence
and magnifie thy great
Majesty, for that thou hast
created us to thy own I-
mage, and similitude: but
chiefly in that thou hast
delivered us from that e-
verlasting death and damna-
tion, to which Satan subje-
cted all mankind by the
reason of sin; from the bon-
dage whereof, neither Men
nor Angels were able to
set us free. But thou, O
Lord, rich in mercy, and in-
finite goodness, hast pro-
vided

Meditations.

ledge provided our Redemption to
o be consist in thine only and
rd, it well beloved Son, whom of
ork-very love thou didst give
nds, to be made man like unto
ence us in all things (sin only ex-
great cepted) that in his body he
haft might receive the punish-
n I-ment of our transgressions,
but by his death to make satisf-
haft action to thy justice, by his
e- stripes and wounds; that we
na- that were the sinners in-
je- deed, should be healed and
the free, and by his humiliation
on- that we might be glorified
len and exalted, and that by, his
to Resurrection, Death, and
O Hell should be vanquished,
n- to bring us to life everla-
o- sting, and joys eternal, from
ed which

Prayers and

which the whole off-spring
of *Adam* was justly exiled.
O Lord, we acknowledge
that no Creature is able to
comprehend the length,
breadth, deepness, and
height of that most ex-
cellent Love. For, thou
didst shew thy mercy,
when none was deserved;
thou gavest life, when death
had got the victory; thou
receivedst us into Grace,
when we rebelled against
thy Majesty; and when we
were all spotted and defiled
with the filth of unrighte-
ousness, thou didst cleanse
and purifie us with the
blood of Jesus Christ; and
although through the per-
verse

Meditations.

ring
iled,
edge
e to
gth,
and
ex-
hou
cy,
ved;
eath
hou
ace,
inst
we
iled
nte-
nse
the
and
er-
rse

verse blindnes and dulleſs
of our corrupt nature, we
neither do nor can ſuffici-
ently weigh or conſider
theſe thy moſt ample be-
nefits, yet nevertheless (as
Jeſus Chriſt our Lord hath
inſtituted and commanded)
we preſent our ſelves to
this thy Table to manifeſt
and witneſs to the whole
world, that by him alone
we have received liberty
and life; that by him alone
thou doſt acknowledge us
to be thy Children and
Heirs; that by him alone
we have entrance to the
Throne of grace; that by
him alone we are admit-
ted to ſit at thy heavenly
Table

Prayers and

Table, and also receive spiritual strength both to do good, and to avoid all evil; that by him alone our Souls shall be raised from sin, and our bodies from death; and by him alone we receive both grace and mercy here, and assurance of glory for ever. Wherefore to him alone, with thee, O most gracious and loving Father, and the blessed Spirit, one true glorious GOD, be all Praise and Thanks, now and ever, *Amen.*

Meditations.

*****:*****

*A Prayer and Thanksgi-
ving after the receiving of
the holy Communion,*

3 **M**OST merciful
Father, we ren-
der unto thee all thanks,
praise, honour and glory,
for that it hath pleas'd thee
of thy great mercy to grant
unto us miserable sinners
so excellent benefits, and
priviledges, as to be recei-
ved into the fellowship and
company of thy dear Son
Jesus Christ our Lord: yea
by his means we are thy
adopted Children, and he
is made our elder brother.
Yea

Prayers and

Yea O LORD, we come nearer than so: He is our Head, and we are the Members of that Mystical Body. And all this proceeds from thy gracious goodness, and compassion. For thou hast deliver'd him to death to give us life: Thou hast made him a Sacrifice for the necessary Food and nourishment of our Souls, thou gavest way to the piercing of his Sides, from whence issued water and blood, that we might know how we came cleans'd from our sins, and redeemed from Damnation. Yea (O LORD GOD) thou hast presented us in this Sacrament

Meditations.

ment the whole Tragedy
of his passion; that we out
of his Sorrows might re-
cover Joys; out of his
Groans might be comfor-
ted; out of his Sighs and
Tears might have ours put
into his Bottle; and out of
his Death, be presented to
life everlasting: we beseech
thee then, O Heavenly Fa-
ther to grant us this re-
quest, that thou never suf-
fer us to become so unkind
as to forget such worthy
benefits, but rather make
a sure impression of them
in our hearts for ever, and
let the vertue and strength
of his spirit ever be found
in us, by which we may be
con-

Prayers and

confirmed and established
so that we may not only
prevail against all our spir-
tual Enemies, but conti-
nue also in confession of
thy goodness, and refor-
mation of our lives, and
performance of all good
duties, to the glory of thy
name, through the same
Christ Jesus our Lord: to
whom with thee O Fa-
ther, and thy whole Spirit,
be all glory and praise, now
and ever, *Amen.*

Meditations.



*A Prayer to be said before
Catechizing.*

44 **W**E most hearti-
ly thank thee,
most merciful Father, for
all thy blessings bestowed
upon us, from the begin-
ning of the world unto this
present time; for our Ele-
ction, Creation, Redemp-
tion, merciful Vocation,
Justification, Sanctificati-
on, continual preservation,
and for that same assured,
and most comfortable
Hope that thou hast given
us of our Glorification in
the World to come. And
we beseech thee to direct
us

Prayers and

us, that considering thy mercies we may acknowledge and confess our sins, which should provoke thee rather to curse than to bless us, to confound us rather than to preserve us. We have sinned against thee both in thought, in word, and deed: Grant that we seeing the horror of our sins, and the fierceness of thy wrath, may without hypocrisie or dissimulation be earnestly sorry, and heartily repent for our former wickedness; howbeit in such sort, as that we despair not but that in bitterness of our grief, we may have comfort, by faith

in

Meditations.

thy
ow-
ins,
roke
n to
ra-
us
ainst
, in
that
r of
enels
nout
tion
ear-
mer
in
spair
tter-
may
faith
in

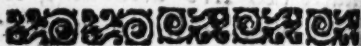
in thy Son Christ, that
our offences are pardoned,
Grant (O Lord) that we
being assured hereof in our
Consciences, may, through
thy Holy Spirit, be renew-
ed in the inner man, to hate
detest and abhor sin, and to
study to live according to
thy blessed will, during our
whole life. And as now,
through thy goodness, we
are here assembled toge-
ther; so we beseech thee to
direct us, that at this pre-
sent, both our words, hearts,
and all our behaviours may
be in such sort ordered as
that we may truly utter,
and reverently receive the
Principles of thy holy and

F

h^a.

Prayers and

heavenly word, to the
strengthening of our Faith,
to the comfort of our con-
sciences, to the amendment
of our sinful and lewd lives,
and to the glory of thy most
holy Name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord, *So be it.*



*A Prayer to be used after
Catechizing.*

45 **W**EE heartily
thank thee, O our
most merciful Father, for
that thou hast bestowed
the inestimable Treasure of
thy holy and heavenly word
upon us most vile and sin-
ful.

Meditations

full wretches. And seeing
it is not in him that plan-
teth, nor in him that water-
teth, but in thy merciful
hand to mortifie our sinful
lusts, and to create new
hearts in us; we beseech
thee so to order and direct
us, that we prove not like
the green Fig-tree, flouri-
shing without fruit, or be
of the number of those hy-
pocrites which with tongue
can say Lord, Lord, in thy
Name we Prophecie, cast
out Devils, and do many
great works, and yet are
condemned for wicked, be-
cause their hearts are not
right; nor like to them
which are swept and garni-
shed

Prayers and

shed but yet empty, where-
into the unclean Spirit re-
turns with seven worse
than himself, and so our
end be worse than our be-
ginning; but govern us
with thy Holy Spirit, that
in heart we may love and
seek thee, and in body and
soul obey and serve thee, in
righteousness and true holi-
liness all the daies of our
life, through Jesus * Christ
our Lord.

As we pray for our selves
so we beseech thee, to look
with favour upon the whole
Church, increase the num-
ber of thy Children, grant
thy Gospel a free passage and
comfort the comfortless

raile

Meditations.

raise up them that are fallen,
and strengthen them that
stand, that they fall not :
Have mercy upon this
Realm, long continue thy
blessing of peace and quiet-
ness towards us, and re-
move far from us all lets
and hinderances of the same.
Govern the hearts and the
swords of all Magistrates,
that they may not lift up
themselves in vain glory,
to please themselves, put
that they may apply the
authority which thou hast
given them to the advance-
ment of thy glory, for the
comfort of thy Children,
and the terror of thine
Enemies. And seeing the

Prayers and

continuance of our peace
in these daies, next under
thee, lieth in the preserva-
tion of our most gracious
King; bless us with him,
and bless him with all gifts
fit for so high a calling: and
whosoever shall attempt,
devise, or conspire ought
against his Majesties Per-
son, Crown, Dignity, and
Royal Estate, we beseech
thee in mercy either to
convert them speedily, or
in judgment to confound
them, that we may under
him lead a quiet and peace-
able life in all Godliness,
and Honesty: Counsel the
Councillors, Order the
Nobles, Direct the Magi-
strates

Meditations.

strates, instruct the Ministers, guide and govern the whole body of this Commonwealth, that we may joyn together in humbleness of heart, and unity of mind, to seek the glory of thy Name, the increase of thy Kingdome, the establishing of thy Truth, the rooting out of sin, the maintenance of virtue, and the long continuance of the prosperous estate of this Commonwealth. Have mercy upon them that be in affliction, in body or in mind, especially such as suffer for the testimony of a good conscience; assuage their sorrows, mitigate

Prayers and

their miseries speedily, if
it be thy will, or else arm
them with patience, to
abide such trial, as thou
shalt lay upon them. Grant
these things for thy Sons
sake, Jesus Christ, our Sa-
viour, in whose Name we
pray for the same, and all
other graces, which thou
knowest needful, either for
us, or the whole Church,
in the same prayer which
he himself hath taught us
in his holy Word, saying,

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*

Meditations.



A most effectual Prayer against the Plague in the time of danger.

46 **O** Lord God, great
JEHOVAH, thou
merciful Creator of Man,
and Founder of Heaven
and Earth, we (wretched,
miserable, and dejected
sinners) here present our
selves before thy heavenly
Throne, entreating thee to
look down upon us, poor
distressed offenders; We
confess we are unworthy
of the name of thy Chil-
dren we have despised thy
love, and forsaken thy

Prayers and

waies, made slight of thy Words, and refused thy Chastisements, without thinking what we deserve: we have not feared thy Judgments, nor dreaded thy threatnings, we have not sought thy favour, nor listned after thy mercies, we have winked at our small sins, and smothered our great sins, we have promised amendment, but still continue obstinate: our thoughts are wicked, our deeds damnable, our lives impious, our sayings deceitful, our hearts hollow, our dealings double, we run from sin to sin, as though there were no Hell

Meditations.

to swallow us, no Devils
to torment us, no Judge
to terrifie us; we fear not
Hell nor look after Hea-
ven: we have drawn down
thy judgments upon us,
thou hast justly sent the
plague of pestilence upon
us, and we deserve to be
swept away from the face
of the Earth. Our sins
are manifold, our trans-
gressions without number,
they have even sought for
vengeance, and now, accor-
ding to our deserts, thou
hast sent the destroying
Angel to mark us out for
Death. The Grave seeks to
devour us, the Bells toll
for us, Death and time are
agreed

Prayers and

waies, made slight of thy Words, and refused thy Chastisements, without thinking what we deserve: we have not feared thy Judgments, nor dreaded thy threatnings, we have not sought thy favour, nor listned after thy mercies, we have winked at our small sins, and smothered our great sins, we have promised amendment, but still continue obstinate: our thoughts are wicked, our deeds damnable, our lives impious, our sayings deceitful, our hearts hollow, our dealings double, we run from sin to sin, as though there were no Hell

to

Meditations.


to swallow us, no Devils
to torment us, no Judge
to terrifie us; we fear not
Hell nor look after Hea-
ven: we have drawn down
thy judgments upon us,
thou hast justly sent the
plague of pestilence upon
us, and we deserve to be
swept away from the face
of the Earth. Our sins
are manifold, our trans-
gressions without number,
they have even sought for
vengeance, and now, accor-
ding to our deserts, thou
hast sent the destroying
Angel to mark us out for
Death. The Grave seeks to
devour us, the Bells toll
for us, Death and time are
agreed

Prayers and

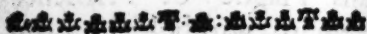
agreed to carry us away, Heaven calls for us, and Hell is prepared, our daies are ended, our glass is run, our time is spent, and we cannot return, but forward we must go. If we look back, the world refuseth us, if forward the Devils desire us only in thy merciful help there is hope and on thee we depend for help: O help us good God, O spare us sweet Saviour, and as thou didst spare in the time of King *David*, and chargedst the destroying Angel to cease, so we beseech thee now to spare thy people, cease thy anger; take, we intreat thee
this

Meditations.

this Plague of Pestilence
from us, withhold back thy
wrath, and as thou sparedst
the repenting *Ninivites*, so
make us repent, and spare
this Land. O Lord, help
us unfeignedly to bewail
our former life past, and
seek effectual amendment
for a better life hereafter; to
which better life presently
bring us, Lord, we beseech
thee, and therein hold us
for ever by the power of
thy grace in Jesus Christ: to
whom with thee O Father,
and the blessed Spirit, be
glory by us for all thy mer-
cies on us, now and ever,
Amen.



Prayers and



A Prayer for remission of sins.

47 **O** Lord, glorious,
everlasting, loving
everlasting Father, I wret-
ched sinner presume once
again after my sinne to
return home unto thee,
requesting, begging, pray-
ing, and desiring of thy
Heavenly Majesty, that
thou wilt look down upon
me. I confess, were it
not for the hope of thy
mercy, and the hold of thy
comfort, and the renew-
ing graces which sometimes
I feel from thee, and that
sweet taste and feeling of
thy

Meditations.

thy good gifts, and thy heavenly word, I should sink in despair ; for my sins are alwaies before me, if I go they follow me, if I run they flee after me, if I look back, they stare upon me : if I go forward they meet me ; if I turn to the right hand, they terrifie me ; if to the left hand, they torment me ; if I look down to the Earth, Hell is ready to devour me. Now have I no way but to look up to thee (Lord) be thou then there ready to receive me ; help me good God, save me dear Father, succour me sweet Redeemer, assist me merciful Creator
that

Prayers and

that my prayers may be so fervent, so zealous, so affectionate toward thee, that they may draw down thy mercies upon me; pour down thy blessings, show down thy graces, open thy hand of mercy, restore joy and comfort to my heavy and laden soul; wash away my sins, wipe away mine iniquities, heal mine infirmities, purge my wicked mind of all ill thoughts, pardon all my damnable deeds, and detestable dealings, renew the good spirit of Heavenly grace, restore the joys of thy holy comforts upon me; O Lord let me have some feeling, some

some
glin
ous
some
joy
Lon
rene
setle
neve
but
mer
and
on
wor
may
ring
tha
fidu
ving
thy
good

Meditations.

some taste, some sent, some
glimmering of thy glorious
presence. Let me feel
some comfort, find some
joy, have some rest: good
Lord, let me be once truly
renewed by thy grace, and
settled in thy service, that I
never slip nor slide back:
but grant unto me (most
merciful Father) a sure
and settled dependence up-
on thee, so that in all my
words, works, and deeds I
may rejoyce in serving, fea-
ring, and obeying thee, and
that I may spend all the re-
sidue of my days, truly ser-
ving thee, seeking to glorifie
thy Name, and magnifie thy
goodness unto me, so long
as

Prayers and

as it shall please thee to
lend me breath in this frail
body : And, merciful Father
favourably govern & guide,
help, instruct, and teach
me in thy wisdom to mag-
nifie thy Name; multi-
ply and increase thy Mer-
cies on me. O Lord, pre-
serve and prosper me in all
my waies and works, and
all about me. Remember
thy poor flock, build up thy
Church, renew *S I O N*,
govern, assist, and bless all
painful Preachers and Pa-
stors of thy Word ; teach
them and us understanding,
rightly to know thee, and
truly to follow thee : awake
my drowfie Soul, defend

it

Meditations.

it from evill imaginations,
keep me in holy and hea-
venly meditations, grant
me to observe my waies,
so that I may walk in pie-
ty and peace: set my sins
so before mine eies, that
when I look back on
them, I may with sorrow
weep; lament, and repent
my time past, which hath
been spent so wickedly, or
unprofitably. O powerful
preserver, remember me,
restore me to joy and com-
fort, and hasten in time thy
salvation unto me. Draw
my lingering Soul, and it
shall run after thee, turn
me unto thee with all wil-
lingness, come thou near
unto

Prayers and

unto me (good Lord) and
declare and shew thy mer-
cies on me ; establish me in
grace, excite me to good-
ness, give me grace that I
may alwaies grow stronger
and stronger to walk before
thee, weaker and weaker to
sin, faithful and firm in thy
Service: Grant this, dear
God, and merciful Father,
for Christs sake our Saviour,
Amen

✠✠✠:✠✠✠✠✠✠✠✠:✠✠✠

A Prayer for Gods graces.

48 **O** Merciful GOD,
grant me to covet
with an ardent desire, those
things

Meditations.

things which may please thee, to read the Scriptures diligently, to search them wisely, to know them truly, to understand them rightly, to fulfil them perfectly, to the laud, glory, and praise of thy Name, and my own Soules true comfort. Order my living so, that I may do that which thou requirest of me, and give me grace that I may know it, and have will and power to do it, and that I may obtain those things which be most convenient for the Salvation of my Soul. Good Lord, make my waies sure and straight to thee, so that I
fall

Prayers and

fall not between prosperi-
ty and adversity, but that
in prosperous things I may
give thee thanks, and in
adversity be patient, so
that I be not lift up with
the one nor oppressed with
the other; and that I may
rejoyce in nothing, but that
which moveth me to thee,
nor be sorry for any thing
but that which draweth
me from thee: desiring to
please none, but for thee,
nor fear to displease any
besides thee. Lord let all
worldly things be alike
unto me in respect of thee;
Let me not be merry with
the joy which is without
thee, and let me desire no-
thing

Meditations.

thing in comparison of thee,
let me grow weary of all
which is not in thee, make
mee to lift my heart of-
tentimes unto thee, and
when I am ready to fall, do
thou sustain and uphold
me, and grant me with a
stedfast purpose of amend-
ment to seek grace of thee.
O my God, make me hum-
ble without fainting, mer-
ry without lightness, sad
without dulness, true with-
out doubleness, serving
thee without desperation,
trusting in thee without
presumption, telling my
Neighbours their faults,
without dissimulation, tea-
ching them not with words
only

Prayers and

only, or admonition, but
much more by my exam-
ple. Let me be obedient
without revenging, patient
without grudging. Purge
me, O Lord, from all my
corruptions. My most lo-
ving Lord God, give me,
I pray thee, a waking heart,
let no evill thoughts with-
draw me from thee, let it
be so strong, that no world-
ly affections draw it back-
ward, so stable that no tri-
bulation break it, so free,
that no violence make any
challenge unto it. O my
Lord God, grant me wil-
dome to know thee, con-
versation to please thee, and
finally, hope to embrace
thee

th
cif
ou
lat
onl
wh
Hol
and
and
out
C
Hea

✠✠

49 N
dear

Meditations.

thee. Grant this, most merciful Father, for the precious blood of that immaculate Lamb, Christ Jesus, our only Lord and Saviour: To whom with thee, and the Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, be all Glory and Honour, world without end, *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.



*A Prayer for a quiet
conscience.*

49 **M**OST merciful,
most loving, and
dear Father, I poor dis-
tressed

Prayers and

Distressed sinner, being distressed in minde, troubled in conscience with distraction and vanity of the world, and oppressed in heart with the burden of my sins, come unto thee with a wounded and dejected soul; intreating thee, of thy clemency, to ease me of my troubles, to cease my grief, and comfort my heaviness; gather together my distressed thoughts, and heal my broken heart; for I acknowledge, that, I am justly afflicted, so justly that I am even ready to despair of all comforts; but yet my hope is in thy goodness (O God) come now,

Meditations.

I cry and call, hearken unto
my sute ; and hear me , so
that I may finde comfort
and peace, and quietness in
my mind. Grant this, dear
Jesus, who hast bid us to
come to thee when we are
heavy laden, and promised
to ease us, and commanded
us to cast our care on thee,
and promised to help us,
even so, Lord Jesus, come
quickly, *Amen*,



*A Prayer against wicked
and carnal thoughts.*

so **O** Great, good, glo-
rious, and everla-
sing Father, I poor deje-
G 2 eted

Prayers and

sted wretch, full of filth
and sin, not having one
good thought in me, come
at this time, seeking to
leave my filthy, detestable
life, desiring thee to grant
my requests, fulfil my de-
sires, and hearken to my
Prayers, and Petitions: I
confess continually, that I
sin in thought, word, and
deed, and there is no good
remaineth in me: When
I think to be fervent in
prayer, the devil, the world,
and flesh assault me: I can-
not do as I would, I do
that which I would not;
Sin follows me, shame
is like to overtake me,
confusion is like to lay hold

upon

Meditations.

upon me ; destruction attends me, and horror and fear affrights me : I have no where to fly but to thee ; help good God , save me merciful Father, defend me sweet Creator , a poor wretched Creature, pull me from my sins, save and succour me, pardon and forgive me, wash me, make me clean, give me spiritual thoughts, and renew all good purposes in me ; help me to abandon all foolish, vain , and lustful thoughts of the flesh ; to avoid, resist, and shake off all malicious, reproachful, and froward thoughts, that proceed from the Devil or worldly

Prayers and

occasions, so that I may
live purely, think chastly,
continue soberly in thy
service, alwaies fearing to
displease so loving a Father
as thee, regarding my
waies and works, giving
good examples to all that
live about me, desiring and
seeking for nothing but
thee, and thy saving health.
Grant this, good Father
both now & ever, for Christ
Jesus his sake, *Amen.*



An humble Confession of sins.

51 **O** LORD GOD,
heavenly Father, I

am

Meditations.

am aſham'd to come before thee, and thy glorious throne
I am ſo ſinful, yet hear me, good God, and grant my request. By my rebellious nature, I have offended; I confeſs my ſelf unworthy of the name of thy child; I have deſpiſed thy love, forſaken thy waies, made ſlight of thy words, ſcorned thy chaſtiſements, which thou haſt laid upon me, without thinking what I do deſerve: I have not felt the afflictions of my brethren, I have not mourned with them: I fear not thy Judgments, nor dread thy threatning: What ſhall I ſay? I regard not thy mercies,

G 4

Prayers and

cies; curses and punishments have I deserved, having so vilely, so wilfully, and so obstinately despised thy favours. I run after sin as Swine after filth, I delight in Evil, I apply myself to ungodliness, I tread the steps of the prophane and wicked, I incline to lying, deceit, and cozenage, lust, perjury, and all wickedness, I go slyly away with my transgressions, I wink at great sins, and I make small sins no sins at all, I promis'd amendment, but still continue obstinate, I am prone and apt to all badness, dull and heavy to all goodness; my thoughts are wicked

wick
ble,
sayin
holla
do a
to sin
lust,
from
ther,
to a
with
cover
the
hono
how
but c
were
me,
me,
cuse
terri

Meditations.

wicked, my deeds damnable, my life impious, my sayings deceitful, my heart hollow ; I say one thing and do another, I run from sin to sin, from drunkenness to lust, from lust to great sins, from one bad deed to another, from one ill thought to another ; I am stained with pollution, stult with covetousness, desirous of the World, ambitious of honour ; I never look back how wicked I have been, but continue as though there were no Hell to swallow me, no Devils to torment me, no Conscience to accuse me, no judgment to terrifie me. I regard not

Prayers and

hell, nor look after Heaven,
I become loathsome unto
thee; yet, most glorious
Lord God, once again
look back, I beseech thee,
behold and pittie me, poor
condemned wretch, seal
me a pardon. Help, O help
me, dear Father, open the
Fountain of thy mercies,
let down the showr of thy
Grace upon me. Let tears
distil from my eies, sighs
and sobs rise from my
heart; let sorrow kill my
sins, and grant unto me speedy
courses of amendment
of life, and a stedfast and
sure confidence in thy mer-
cy to pardon all my sins,
and thy grace to purge me
from

from
and
Chr
our,



A

52

Fath
the
soul,
griev
(O
be e
all r
pleat

Meditations.

from all my uncleanness,
and wickedness, by Jesus
Christ my Lord and Savi-
our, *Amen.*



*A Prayer to be said of all
that are fallen into
Poverty.*

52 **O** Merciful, Ever-
living, and loving
Father, I intreat thee, upon
the bended knees of my
soul, to hearken unto my
grievous complaints: grant
(O Lord God) that I may
be enabled to go through
all the afflictions thou hast
pleased to lay upon me, and
that

Prayers and

that at all times I may call to mind, that it is not me only, but many of thy dear Servants with whom thou dealest in like sort. Grant I may bear my Poverty with patience, as *Job* did, that at all times I may remember I came naked into the world; and brought nothing with me, and that which I have had, came from thee. Grant, merciful Father, that in all extremities I may never despair of thy mercy, but that by it, I may be more inclined to call and seek for thy spiritual comforts and heavenly blessings. And though I want worldly wealth, yet grant me

me
shal
that
life
me,
nal
Chr
our,

✠

53
mer
thee
that
give
port
so
me

Meditations.

me thy heavenly graces, so
shall I not want : and grant
that the afflictions of this
life may be sanctified unto
me, and turn to my eter-
nal good, through Jesus
Christ our Lord and Savi-
our, *Amen.*



A Prayer in prosperity.

53 **I** Wretched Sinner, ap-
pear here before thee,
merciful Father, intreating
thee, of thy great bounty,
that as at all times thou hast
given me a more liberal
portion of worldly wealth,
so thou wilt please to grant
me grace ever to be thank-
ful

Prayers and

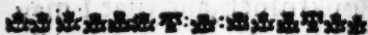
ful to thee for the same ; and grant I may so use it, that it may be for thy Glory, my Salvation, and the comfort of the needy. Grant I may not be hard-hearted, but liberally give and bestow it upon the oppressed and fatherless, on the blind, the lame, and the naked, to comfort and succour all that are in distress ; to further thy Word, and Plantation of thy Gospel. O grant, most merciful Father, that the more earthly blessings that thou givest me, I may the more seek thy Heavenly graces, and that I may be the more humbled in due consideration of my great unthank-

than
seek
and
whe
mife
to
god
to t
that
not
hin
on ;
furr
goo
Gra
for
trea
thee
be
and

Meditations.

thankfulness, and that I may seek to live more piously and religiously; and that when I depart this vale of misery, I may be mindful to leave some good and godly examples of charity to those that follow. Grant that this my wealth may not be a stumbling block or hinderance to my salvation, but that it may be a furtherance to me in all good and godly actions. Grant this, good God, even for Christ Jesus sake, I intreat thee: to whom with thee, and thy Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and ever, *Amen.*

Prayers and



*A Prayer for all in distress
at Sea, by storm or tempest.*

54 **O** Lord God, Hea-
venly Father, Ma-
ker and founder of the Sea
and Land, look down upon
us miserable sinners, who
have justly plucked down
thy vengeance upon us: O
Lord, we have provoked
thy wrath, we have deserved
to be swallowed up quick
by the merciless waters;
O Lord, the flouds come
over us, they even enter in-
to our Souls. O Lord, the
Seas rage and rise against
us, here we see thy won-
ders and judgments, in the
twink-

Meditations.

winkling of an eye, thou
canst destroy us. O Lord,
we confess and acknow-
ledge we have sinned. Most
just therefore are thy fierce
judgments come upon us,
Yet (Lord) spare us, Lord,
we beseech thee, let us not
be swallowed up quick,
where there is none to help
us, but thou canst save us. O
Lord, cease these storms, and
tempests, cease, we beseech
thee, these swelling Seas,
command these blustering
winds, and they shall obey.
We are at the pit of De-
struction, at the brink and
brim; *Save us master, we pe-
rish, Lord increase our faith,*
strengthen it in thee: Mer-
ciful

Prayers and

ciful Father: take us, we be-
seech thee, into thy prote-
ction; be O Lord, our shel-
ter; and, if thou hast ap-
pointed death unto us, at
this present, O Lord, be
thou present, we beseech
thee, to receive our souls,
untill the joyful resurrecti-
on of our bodies, and then
receive our bodies and
souls into thy Kingdome.
If it be life, then grant we
may so live, that we may
take warning by these affli-
ctions now upon us, that
we may live to amend our
lives, and to live more god-
ly, religiously, and righte-
ously, all the dayes of our
lives. Grant this good God
and

and
Jesu
only



A P

55

recon
going
We
trave
certa
daies
our
shut
thou

Meditations.

and merciful Father, for
Jesus Christ his sake our
only Saviour, *Amen.*



*A Prayer for one that travels
by Land.*

55 **O** Lord, lead me in
the paths of right-
eousness, and direct my
goings in thy way of truth.
We (O Lord) are born to
travel, and man hath no
certain place of abode: our
daies are like a span, and
our lives pass as a Weavers
shuttle. O What is man, that
thou art mindful of him;
or

Prayers and

or the Son of man that thou regardest him? We are like to a bubble or a blast, we go hence and are seen no more; O teach us to number our daies, that we may walk in the paths of godliness; direct our steps in the Word of truth, and as thou hast appointed man to be a Pilgrim, and to travel for his living, and sojourn upon the earth, so, O Lord, guide and govern me in my travel, that I may go on with comfort in this my journey. Be thou my God, my help, and guide to direct me aright in my way and business, keep me from all fears and dangers
by

by
chief
may
my
hind
heav
and,
all m
abro
me
my
O
row
cann
so
ther
ever
ding
thou
and
wai

Meditations.

by Thieves or other mischief and trouble, that I may have no disturbance in my journey, no lets nor hindrances, no sorrow nor heaviness, but for my sins; and, O Lord keep and bless all my friends at home and abroad, and keep them and me in perfect health till my return unto them. Thou O Lord, knowest the sorrows of my heart, and I cannot express my griefs so well as thou knowest them; then, O Lord, let me ever feel and finde accordingly thy comforts, do thou put good thoughts and godly cogitations alwaies in my minde, that I
may

Prayers and

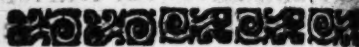
may so think upon Heavenly things, as one that hath set and settled his affections and desires to come unto that place. Gracious **LORD**, make all my Thoughts, words, and Works well-pleasing unto thee: And now let thy good Angels conduct and lead me, that they may be as a cloud by day, and as a pillar by night, to watch and attend upon me, to keep me, that I fall not, nor go awry. And for my chief companion, grant that I may ever have a quiet conscience and a willing minde to serve, fear, and obey thee, and a con-
trite

Meditations.

trite and sorrowful soul for
fin; and so direct me in the
waies of truth, that I may
not stray or go away by any
by-paths of ungodlyness, but
conduct me in the stedfast
waies of uprightnes, ,
wherein give me strength
and grace to strive to per-
form in all things thy most
righteous will, and to sub-
mit my self unto thee,
through Jesus Christ our
only Lord and Saviour,
Amen

A

Prayers and



A Prayer for a sick man.

56 **O** Lord, glorious, loving Lord God, I beseech thee to hear my complaint, and grant me strength to pour out my Prayer before thee, O God, I have sinned, I have sinned, and done wickedly; I have all my life long run from sin to sin, I have transgressed, I have done so bad, that I cannot call to remembrance. Yet merciful Saviour, return unto me, that I may have a feeling of that good Spirit in me: Let not the sins of my youth

Meditations.

youth, nor the iniquity of
that time lie upon me;
and, O GOD, as thou hast
laid thy hand of affliction
upon me, so I do intreat
thee to arm me with pa-
tience to bear this my visi-
tation patiently. If it be
thy will to take me out of
this transitory life, prepare
me so, O Good God, and fit
me, that I may be receiv'd
into thy kingdom. Arm
me, and strengthen me to
bear the burthen hereof
patiently, to undergo this
my affliction willingly, and
to fight it out manfully.
But unless thou help, what
am I, O God? A worm,
a poor dejected Wretch. I

H

have

Prayers and

have no comfort but from thee, and of thee, therefore I do fly unto thee, beseeching thee, either to restore me to health, and with all to amendment of life, or else to receive me, and to take me into thy Kingdom of Glory. Lord cease my pain, ease my grief. Lord, I intreat thee to grant, that neither the Devil, nor the World, may any way prevail to tempt me, but grant me strength to overcome all. Send the good Angels to keep and conduct me, both in sickness and in health, and grant I may not fear Death, but that I may be fitted and prepared

Meditations.

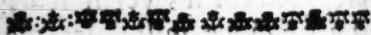
prepared for it; yet, if it be
thy gracious will, let me
recover a little strength,
and *spare me a little before I*
go hence and am no more seen.

O grant that I may find
thy grace now working for
my good in me; that if it
be thy will to take me
hence, Lord receive me
unto thee, and then come
Lord Jesus come quickly.
And so, Lord, I commit,
and commend, my self un-
to thee, in that Prayer
which thou hast taught me,
saying. *Our Father, &c.*

Lord strengthen my faith
to the end.

I believe in God, &c.

Prayers and



*A prayer for a woman in the
time of her Travel.*

57 **R**ighteous and Holy
Lord God, I do
now find, by experience,
the fruit of my sin, that I
must travel in sorrow, and
bring forth in pain, and I
unfeignedly adore the
truth of thy Sacred Word,
as certifying unto me, that
sorrow must be in the e-
vening, so comforting me
also against the morning,
that a Child shall be born;
willingly I do desire to
submit my self, in hope, un-
to this thy chastisement,
and to learn the desert of
my

Meditations.

my sins, horrible in themselves, that these temporal pains are fore-runners of eternal; and yet by thy mercy may be so sanctified unto me, as not only to prevent eternal vengeance, but also prepare for eternal comforts, even to be saved by bearing of children. Grant me therefore, gracious Father, true repentance and pardon for my sins past, that they may not stand at this time, in this my need, between me and thy mercy. Give me a comfortable feeling of thy love in Christ, which may sweeten all other pangs though never so vi-

Prayers and

olent or extream. Make
me still to lift up my Soul
unto thee in my greatest
agonies; knowing that
thou alone must give a
blessing to the ordinary
means for my safe delive-
rance. Lay no more upon
me than I am able to en-
dure, and strengthen my
weak body to the bearing
of what sorrow soever, by
which it shall seem so good
unto thee, to make tryal of
me. Grant me to consider,
that howsoever it be with
me, yet I am always in
thine hand, whose mercies
fail not who will be found
in the mount, and in grea-
test extremity, & to whom
belong

Meditations.

belong the issues of death;
So prepare me therefore to
death, that I may be fit for
life, even to yield fruit a-
live unto the world, and
to be renewed and enabled
to nourish the same. And
when thou hast safely gi-
ven me the expected Fruit
of my Womb, make me
with a thankful heart to
consecrate both it and my
self wholly to thy service
all the daies of my life,
through Jesus Christ mine
only Saviour and Redec-
mer, *Amen.*

Prayers and



*A thanksgiving after safe
Deliverance.*

58 **B**lessed for ever be
thy great and glo-
rious name (most Dear
and loving Father) for thy
great mercy to me, most
weak and sinful Woman:
wonderful art thou in all
thy works, O Lord, the
riches of thy mercies are
past finding out: thou hast
plunged me into great af-
flictions, and yet thou hast
returned and refreshed me
again: Thou hast brought
me to the fear of the grave,
and yet thou hast raised me
up again to life. O how
hast

Meditations.

hast thou shewed thy
power in my weakness?
How hath thy loving kind-
ness prevailed against
my unworthiness? Thou
mightest for my sins, have
left me to perish in mine
extremities, but thou hast
compassed me about with
joyful deliverances; Thou
mightest have made my
Womb a Grave, to bury
the Dead; or in affording
life to another, thou mightest
have procured my
Death: But yet thou hast
not only made my womb
a wel-spring of life, but
restored life unto me also,
for the cherishing thereof.
Marvellous, O Lord, are

Prayers and

thy works, infinite are thy mercies, my soul by present experience knoweth it well. O my Soul praise thou the Lord, and all that is within me, praise his holy name. My soul praise thou the Lord, and forget not all his benefits: thou hast heard my Prayers, and looked upon my sorrow: thou hast redeemed my life from death, and healed mine infirmities and crowned me with thy everlasting compassions. O give me, I humbly pray thee, a thankful heart, not only now, while the memory and sense of thy favour is fresh before me, but continually, even so long as I
com-

Meditations.

have any being. Grant that I may learn by this lively evidence of thy power and mercy, for ever hereafter to depend only on thee: Quicken me also, to all holy duties, that my thankfulness may appear in my pure and Christian carriage. Make me a kind and careful Mother, willing to undergo the pain and trouble of education. Let no niceness or curiosity hinder me from those Services, to whom both Nature and Religion hath appointed me. Let me also be careful when time requireth, to season the Fruit thou hast given me, with

Prayers and

with the saving knowledge of thee, and thy dear Son; that my desire may manifestly appear to be set for the increase of thy Kingdom. Vouchsafe so to order my afflictions, and to bring me in obedience unto thee, that if it should be thy pleasure either now or hereafter, to take this infant from me, I may as willingly part with it, as thou freely gavest it me. And now, O God, perfect in me that strength which thou hast begun, make me to grow in care, to serve thee faithfully, both in the duties of Piety; and in other business of my place and cal-

Meditations.

calling, that I may be a comfort to my husband, an example to my Neighbours, a grace to my profession, and a means of glory to thy Name, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*



A Prayer at the hour of Death.

59. **O** Heavenly LORD GOD, we poor wretches being overcome with grief, come all here attending thy good pleasure with this sick Servant of thine: O Lord, incline
to

Prayers and

to hear our Prayers, and
his complaint unto thee.
Be now, O Lord, present,
and send thy good Angels
and thy Spirit to attend
us: Be with us (O Lord)
and comfort this sick per-
son, and now if the time be
come of his departure,
Grant, O Lord, he may de-
part with Godly comfort,
and joy everlasting, into
thy kingdom. Ease O Lord,
his griefs, mitigate his
pains, assuage his sorrows,
and give him a lively
touch of thy Heavenly
comfort. Put by all worldly
thoughts, and beat down
all bad suggestions, let no-
thing but good come in
his

Meditations.

his mind, and grant that he may to the last gasp of his breath, breath out still some comfort of thy help, and grant when he hath done his last to finish this mortal life, then he may with *Lazarus* be carried into *Abrahams* bosom. O Lord, forgive him. O Lord receive him. O Lord, protect him. O Lord, succour and save him; and now and for ever grant he may rest with thee in eternal glory. Hear us, good Father, for this our Brother (or Sister) and do for him (or her) and us, according to thy Fatherly Mercy in Jesus Christ, in whom we have

Prayers and

commend him with these
our Prayers for him, and all
his and our occasions, in
that Prayer which thy bles-
sed Son hath taught us,

Our Father. &c.



A Trancee at the time of
Death.

60 **O** Lord God, come
unto me, plant thy
holy Angels about me, be
not far from me now; Lord
help, and take me into thy
protection; Let no ill imagi-
nations, nor wickedness take
hold upon me; but, O Lord,
now be ready to help me, re-
ceive me, and let thy good
Spirit

Meditations.

Spirit be in me. Come Lord
Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come
quickly, come receive me, and
take me into thy tuition. I
forgive all the world, grant
me likewise forgiveness of
them, and of thee, Lord, for all
my sins: Wash me, O Lord,
and fully cleanse me of them
all and so receive me; O Lord,
save me O Lord, be my rock,
my shield, my defence, my
comfort, my receiver. Now,
Lord, I yield my self, my soul,
and my body, into thy hands
come Lord Christ, and be
with me now and for ever:
Come Lord Jesus, come quick-
ly and receive my soul into
thy protection, Amen.

Prayers and



A Prayer in time of War.

61. **O** Glorious L O R D
G O D, and ever-
lasting Father, we intreat
thee mercifully to look
down upon us, and hearken
unto our complaints and
desires, and grant, we be-
seech thee, our requests. O
Gracious Father, thou
knowest our sins, and our
iniquities are not hid from
thee, they lie open to thy
Judgment; Yet we know
that thy mercies are the
cure of our miseries, and
when we fly to thee, thou
draw'st near to us. We be-
seech

Meditations.

beseech thee now to be favourable, and spare us for all our sins past, and be ready to deliver us from sins to come, look down in mercy upon us; and as thou hast been our everlasting defence, so now defend us from the rage of our enemies: Go in and out, O LORD, before our Armies, before our General, before our Fleets and Commanders: And grant we may be thy Souldiers, to fight under thy Banner: Stir up our hearts and strength against the Enemy; defend thy afflicted Flock: Remember, we beseech thee, the burthen of
of

Prayers and

of misery laid upon thy Church at this time, in Germany, France, Ireland, and elsewhere; and in thy due time restore it to her former glory: Settle our hearts and affections to regain and recover that which hath been lost; And grant that we seeing their double dealing, may no longer trust to them which have no truth: They imagine mischief in their hearts and are set on fire to do ill, but break thou the knot of their malice, lay open their plots, discover their Devices, weaken their Armies, overthrow their intentions, confound their

Meditations.

thy
in
nd,
thy
her
our
to
that
And
neir
no
nich
na-
heir
fire
hou
ice,
co-
ken
ow
nd
neir

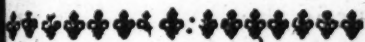
their counsels, and consume
their numbers. O LORD,
thou hast in time past
made the Stars to fight in
order, the Sun to stand still,
the Seas to devour, the
Winds to overthrow thy
enemies: So now, O Lord,
cause these thy Creatures
to assist and help us, and our
distressed neighbours, that
all the world may know
it is thou that fightest our
Battails, and undertakest
our cause. Finally, O LORD
bless, we beseech thee, us,
and every one of us, in what
we shall take in hand for
defence of thy CHURCH
and TRUTH. Bless, we
intreat thee, our King, our
State

Prayers and

State, our Clergy, our and
Commonalty, and give the us,
blessing unto us all. And Chr
last of all blefs, we beseech Sav
thee, all the worthy com
pany of Souldiers in the
chief City, and in all places
of this Land. Bles, O Lord A
we intreat thee, their in an
ventions of war, and make
them expert by their pra
ctices. Preserve and pro 62
sper all our undertakings
so that all the world may O F
know that thou art the thy
guider of our Counsels, and abun
Leader of our Armies us,
Grant this, dear Father high
and all other good things of c
unto us, for the good of cent
the Church amongst us that
and

Meditations.

our and the relief of others by
the us, now and always, for
And Christ Jesus sake our only
Saviour, *Amen.*



*A Form of Thanksgiving
and Prayer to be used of
godly Christians in
their Families.*

62 **W**E E most hum-
bly thank thee,
O Heavenly Father, for all
thy loving kindness, so
abundantly shewed unto
us, not only this day (or
night) but all the time
of our life, unto this pre-
sent: and especially for
that it hath pleased thee,
of

Prayers and

of thy Fatherly favour, and infinite love: before we had done good or ill in thy sight, and before the beginning of the world, to write us in the Book of Life, and unchangably to ordain that we should be thy children, and vessels prepared to honour, with the rest of the Saints. And we thank thee for the great work of our Creation, which as its wonderful in it self, being first framed according to thine own Image, in Wisdom, Holiness and immortality; so doth the excellency thereof much more clearly appear, in that thou hast made

Meditations.

made infinite numbers of other creatures upon the Earth, in the heavens above, and in the waters beneath, not only farre inferiour unto us, but to serve for our use and benefits: Yea thou hast made thy holy Angels ministring spirits to attend guard, and defend thy children. But most especially, we praise thy holy Name and evermore! thank thy Majesty, for the abasing, and manifesting of thine only begotten Son in our poor and frail nature, that he might in the same, yield unto thee, O Father, a full and perfect obedience for us, such as in thy most just

I

Law

Prayers and

XXXXXXXXXXXX

A Prayer for a sick man.

56 **O** Lord, glorious, lo-
ving Lord God, I
beseech thee to hear my
complaint, and grant me
strength to pour out my
Prayer before thee, O
God, I have sinned, I have
sinned, and done wickedly;
I have all my life long run
from sin to sin, I have
transgressed, I have done so
bad, that I cannot call to
remembrance. Yet merci-
ful Saviour, return unto
me, that I may have a feel-
ing of that good Spirit in
me: Let not the sins of my
youth

Meditations.

youth, nor the iniquity of
that time lie upon me;
and, O GOD, as thou hast
laid thy hand of affliction
upon me, so I do intreat
thee to arm me with pa-
tience to bear this my visi-
tation patiently. If it be
thy will to take me out of
this transitory life, prepare
me so, O Good God, and fit
me, that I may be receiv'd
into thy kingdom. Arm
me, and strengthen me to
bear the burthen hereof
patiently, to undergo this
my affliction willingly, and
to fight it out manfully.
But unless thou help, what
am I, O God? A worm,
a poor dejected Wretch. I

H

have

Prayers and

have no comfort but from thee, and of thee, therefore I do fly unto thee, beseeching thee, either to restore me to health, and with all to amendment of life, or else to receive me, and to take me into thy Kingdom of Glory. Lord cease my pain, ease my grief. Lord, I intreat thee to grant, that neither the Devil, nor the World, may any way prevail to tempt me, but grant me strength to overcome all. Send the good Angels to keep and conduct me, both in sickness and in health, and grant I may not fear Death, but that I may be fitted and prepared

Meditations.

prepared for it; yet, if it be
thy gracious will, let me
recover a little strength,
and spare me a little before I
go hence and am no more seen.

O grant that I may find
thy grace now working for
my good in me; that if it
be thy will to take me
hence, Lord receive me
unto thee, and then come
Lord Jesus come quickly.
And so, Lord, I commit,
and commend, my self un-
to thee, in that Prayer
which thou hast taught me,
saying. *Our Father, &c.*

*Lord strengthen my faith
to the end.*

I believe in God, &c.

Prayers and

*A prayer for a woman in the
time of her Travel.*

57 **R**ighteous and Holy
Lord God, I do
now find, by experience,
the fruit of my sin, that I
must travel in sorrow, and
bring forth in pain, and I
unfeignedly adore the
truth of thy Sacred Word,
as certifying unto me, that
sorrow must be in the e-
vening, so comforting me
also against the morning,
that a Child shall be born;
willingly I do desire to
submit my self, in hope, un-
to this thy chastisement,
and to learn the desert of
my

Meditations.

my sins, horrible in themselves, that these temporal pains are fore-runners of eternal; and yet by thy mercy may be so sanctified unto me, as not only to prevent eternal vengeance, but also prepare for eternal comforts, even to be saved by bearing of affliction. Grant me therefore, gracious Father, true repentance and pardon for my sins past, that they may not stand at this time, in this my need, between me and thy mercy. Give me a comfortable feeling of thy love in Christ, which may sweeten all other pangs though never so vi-

griouſ

H 3

olent

Prayers and

olent or extreame. Make
me still to lift up my Soul
unto thee in my greatest
agonies; knowing that
thou alone must give a
blessing to the ordinary
means for my safe delive-
rance. Lay no more upon
me than I am able to en-
dure, and strengthen my
weak body to the bearing
of what sorrow soever, by
which it shall seem so good
unto thee, to make tryal of
me. Grant me to consider,
that howsoever it be with
me, yet I am always in
thine hand, whose mercies
fail not who will be found
in the mount, and in grea-
test extremity, & to whom
belong

Meditations.

belong the issues of death;
So prepare me therefore to
death, that I may be fit for
life, even to yield fruit a-
live unto the world, and
to be renewed and enabled
to nourish the same. And
when thou hast safely gi-
ven me the expected Fruit
of my Womb, make me
with a thankful heart to
consecrate both it and my
self wholly to thy service
all the daies of my life,
through Jesus Christ mine
only Saviour and Redec-
mer, *Amen.*

Prayers and



*A thanksgiving after safe
Deliverance.*

58 **B**lessed for ever be
thy great and glo-
rious name (most Dear
and loving Father) for thy
great mercy to me, most
weak and sinful Woman:
wonderful art thou in all
thy works, O Lord, the
riches of thy mercies are
past finding out: thou hast
plunged me into great af-
flictions, and yet thou hast
returned and refreshed me
again: Thou hast brought
me to the fear of the grave,
and yet thou hast raised me
up again to life. O how
hast

Meditations

hast thou shewed thy
power in my weakness?
How hath thy loving kind-
ness prevailed against
my unworthiness? Thou
mightest for my sins, have
left me to perish in mine
extremities, but thou hast
compassed me about with
joyful deliverances; Thou
mightest have made my
Womb a Grave, to bury
the Dead; or in affording
life to another, thou mightest
have procured my
Death: But yet thou hast
not only made my womb
a wel-spring of life, but
restored life unto me also,
for the cherishing thereof.
Marvellous, O Lord, are

Prayers and

thy works, infinite are thy mercies, my soule by present experience knoweth it well. O my Soul praise thou the Lord, and all that is within me, praise his holy name. My soul praise thou the Lord, and forget not all his benefits: thou hast heard my Prayers, and looked upon my sorrow: thou hast redeemed my life from death, and healed mine infirmities and crowned me with thy everlasting compassions. O give me, I humbly pray thee, a thankful heart, not only now, while the memory and sense of thy favour is fresh before me, but continually, even so long as I
com-

Meditations.

have any being. Grant that I may learn by this lively evidence of thy power and mercy, for ever hereafter to depend only on thee: Quicken me also, to all holy duties, that my thankfulness may appear in my pure and Christian carriage. Make me a kind and careful Mother, willing to undergo the pain and trouble of education. Let no niceness or curiosity hinder me from those Services, to whom both Nature and Religion hath appointed me. Let me also be careful when time requireth, to season the Fruit thou hast given me, with

Prayers and

with the saving knowledge of thee, and thy dear Son; that my desire may manifestly appear to be set for the increase of thy Kingdom. Vouchsafe so to order my afflictions, and to bring me in obedience unto thee, that if it should be thy pleasure either now or hereafter, to take this infant from me, I may as willingly part with it, as thou freely gavest it me. And now, O God, perfect in me that strength which thou hast begun, make me to grow in care, to serve thee faithfully, both in the duties of Piety; and in other business of my place and cal-

Meditation.

calling; that I may be a
comfort to my husband,
an example to my Neigh-
bours, a grace to my pro-
fession, and a means of glo-
ry to thy Name, through
Jesus Christ my Lord and
Saviour, Amen.



A Prayer at the hour of Death.

59 **O** Heavenly LORD
GOD, we poor
wretches being overcome
with grief, come all here
attending thy good plea-
sure with this sick Servant
of thine: O Lord, incline
to

Prayers and

to hear our Prayers, and
his complaint unto thee.
Be now, O Lord, present,
and send thy good Angels
and thy Spirit to attend
us: Be with us (O Lord)
and comfort this sick per-
son, and now if the time be
come of his departure,
Grant, O Lord, he may de-
part with Godly comfort,
and joy everlasting, into
thy kingdom. Ease O Lord,
his griefs, mitigate his
pains, assuage his sorrows,
and give him a lively
touch of thy Heavenly
comfort. Put by all worldly
thoughts, and beat down
all bad suggestions, let no-
thing but good come in
his

Meditations.

his mind, and grant that he may to the last gasp of his breath, breath out still some comfort of thy help, and grant when he hath done his last to finish this mortal life, then he may with *Lazarus* be carried into *Abrahams* bosom. O Lord, forgive him. O Lord receive him. O Lord, protect him. O Lord, succour and save him; and now and for ever grant he may rest with thee in eternal glory. Hear us, good Father, for this our Brother (or Sister) and do for him (or her) and us, according to thy Fatherly Mercy in *Jesus Christ*, in whom we have

Prayers and

commend him with these
our Prayers for him, and all
his and our occasions, in
that Prayer which thy blef-
sed Son hath taught us,

Our Father. &c.



A Trance at the time of
Death.

O Lord God, come
unto me, plant thy
holy Angels about me, be
not far from me now; Lord
help, and take me into thy
protection; Let no ill imagi-
nations, nor wickedness take
hold upon me; but, O Lord,
now be ready to help me, re-
ceive me, and let thy good
Spirit

Meditations.

Spirit be in me. Come Lord
Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come
quickly, come receive me, and
take me into thy tuition. I
forgive all the world, grant
me likewise forgiveness of
them, and of thee, Lord, for all
my sins: Wash me, O Lord,
and fully cleanse me of them
all and so receive me, O Lord,
save me O Lord, be my rock,
my shield, my defence, my
comfort, my receiver. Now,
Lord, I yield my self, my soul,
and my body, into thy hands
come O Lord Christ, and be
with me now and for ever.
Come Lord Jesus, come quick-
ly and receive my soul into
thy protection, Amen.

Prayers and



A Prayer in time of War.

61. **O** Glorious L O R D
G O D, and ever-
lasting Father, we intreat
thee mercifully to look
down upon us, and hearken
unto our complaints and
desires, and grant, we be-
seech thee, our requests. O
Gracious Father, thou
knowest our sins, and our
iniquities are not hid from
thee, they lie open to thy
Judgment; Yet we know
that thy mercies are the
cure of our miseries, and
when we fly to thee, thou
draw'st near to us. We be-
seech

Meditations.

beseech thee now to be favourable, and spare us for all our sins past, and be ready to deliver us from sins to come, look down in mercy upon us; and as thou hast been our everlasting defence, so now defend us from the rage of our enemies: Go in and out, O LORD, before our Armies, before our General, before our Fleets and Commanders: And grant we may be thy Souldiers, to fight under thy Banner: Stir up our hearts and strength against the Enemy; defend thy afflicted Flock: Remember, we beseech thee, the burthen of
of

Prayers and

of misery laid upon thy Church at this time, in Germany, France, Ireland, and elsewhere; and in thy due time restore it to her former glory: Settle our hearts and affections to regain and recover that which hath been lost: And grant that we seeing their double dealing, may no longer trust to them which have no truth: They imagine mischief in their hearts and are set on fire to do ill, but break thou the knot of their malice, lay open their plots, discover their Devices, weaken their Armies, overthrow their intentions, confound their

Meditation.

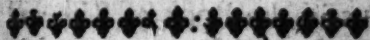
their counsels, and consume
their numbers. O LORD,
thou hast in time past
made the Stars to fight in
order, the Sun to stand still,
the Seas to devour, the
Winds to overthrow thy
enemies: So now, O Lord,
cause these thy Creatures
to assist and help us, and our
distressed neighbours, that
all the world may know
it is thou that fightest our
Battails, and undertakest
our cause. Finally, O LORD
bless, we beseech thee, us,
and every one of us, in what
we shall take in hand for
defence of thy CHURCH
and TRUTH. Bless, we
intreat thee, our King, our
State

Prayers and

State, our Clergy, our
Commonalty, and give the
blessing unto us all. And
last of all bleſs, we beſeech
thee, all the worthy com-
pany of Souldiers in the
chief City, and in all places
of this Land. Bleſs, O Lord,
we intreat thee, their in-
ventions of war, and make
them expert by their pra-
ctices. Preſerve and pro-
ſper all our undertakings,
ſo that all the world may
know that thou art the
guider of our Counſels, and
Leader of our Armies.
Grant this, dear Father,
and all other good things
unto us, for the good of
the Church amongst us,
and

Meditations.

and the relief of others by us, now and always, for Christ Jesus sake our only Saviour, *Amen.*



*A Form of Thanksgiving
and Prayer to be used of
godly Christians in
their Families.*

62 **W**EE most hum-
bly thank thee,
O Heavenly Father, for all
thy loving kindness, so
abundantly shewed unto
us, not only this day (or
night) but all the time
of our life, unto this pre-
sent: and especially for
that it hath pleased thee,
of

Prayers and

of thy Fatherly favour, and infinite love: before we had done good or ill in thy sight, and before the beginning of the world, to write us in the Book of Life, and unchangably to ordain that we should be thy children, and vessels prepared to honour, with the rest of the Saints. And we thank thee for the great work of our Creation, which as its wonderful in it self, being first framed according to thine own Image, in Wisdom, Holiness and immortality; so doth the excellency thereof much more clearly appear, in that thou hast made

Meditations.

made infinite numbers of
other creatures upon the
Earth, in the heavens above,
and in the waters beneath,
not only farre inferiour
unto us, but to serve for our
use and benefits: Yea thou
hast made thy holy Angels
ministring spirits to attend
guard, and defend thy child-
ren. But most especially,
we praise thy holy Name
and evermore, thank thy
Majesty, for the abusing,
and manifesting of thine
only begotten Son in our
poor and frail nature, that
he might in the same, yield
unto thee, O Father, a full
and perfect obedience for
us, such as in thy most just

I

Law

Prayers and

Law was required at our hands: And that by his most painful and hellish sufferings, anguishes and horrors, both in soul and body, as well in death as in life, we might be made free from all those everlasting sorrows, fears, and torments deserved of us, and prepared for all those that do not believe; Even so was it thy good pleasure, O Father most merciful, that he in the very substance of our Nature, through that Almighty power of thy God-head, should not only bear the intollerable weight of all our sins, together with all the

Meditation.

the punishment due for the same, but also overcome sin, destroy the power of sin, in us, and obtain for us a glorious victory over sin, the World, Death, Hell, & all Enemies. Yea, that he should restore unto us, by the vertue and worthiness, of that his obedience, all good things, which before were lost through our folly and disobedience; and that in a more perfect estate then ever we had them; in so much, as now our strength, our wisdom, our righteousness, our worthiness, our assurance of thy favour, our joy and felicity; resteth not in our selves,

Prayers and

frail creatures, but in him
our only and almighty
Saviour, who sitteth at thy
Right-hand, in glory and
Power for evermore: that
henceforth there shall be
no more sacrifice for sin,
no other Mediator to en-
treat thy Majesty: no more
Deservers or Purchasers of
thy favour for us: but that
all flesh should confess,
that there is no other name
under Heaven, by which
we may be saved, But
only the Lord Jesus. And
that whosoever rejoyceth,
might rejoyce in the Cross
of Christ. This Mystery
(O Lord) is too high for
us, we cannot comprehend
the

Meditations.

the fulness, the length, the breadth, and the deepness thereof perfectly: Yea all the wisdom of Man is too gross and blind to perceive any part thereof perfectly; the very Angels do alwaies wonder at the same, and the Devil and Antichrist, with all the princes of the world, have laboured utterly to extinguish the knowledge and memory of the same. Yet now in these dayes, thou hast again clearly revealed the same by the preaching of the Word, and we here present, through the abundance of thy grace, in some sort forced to see and feel

Prayers and

the glorious power of the
same,

But Yuch is our horrible
blindness, perverseness, va-
nity and unthankfulness,
that we see it not clearly,
we believe it not perfectly,
nor weigh it sufficiently,
nor meditate thereon effe-
ctually: for we should love
thy Majesty, for this fa-
mous work of our Re-
demption by Jesus Christ,
with a most perfect love,
without all comparison, and
far above all other things
in the world. Whatsoe-
ver we love, we should
love for thy sake, so that no
thing should be more deer
and joyful unto us, than
the

Meditations.

the setting forth of thy
Glory, the praising of thy
Name, the furtherance of
thy true Religion, and pro-
sperity of the Church ; and
nothing so great a grief,
as the contrary to any of
these : But this love we find
very cold in us ; for we
long not earnestly to be in
thy continual presence, we
are very negligent, and soon
weary in speaking unto
thy Majesty by prayer, and
in hearing of thy Majesty
speaking unto us, by the
Ministry of thy Holy
Word ; We take no feli-
city in meditating of thy
Mercies, in declaring thy
praises, in commending
I 4 thy

Prayers and

thy wonderful Works;
Yea, we have oftentimes
more pleasure in beholding
vanities, in worldly mat-
ters, in idle and prophane
exercises, and in works of
Darkness; we are violent
in revenging our own in-
juries, and in hating those
that do hurt our selves;
but we are not so much as
heartily grieved with those
that offend thy Majesty by
sin, and obscure thy glo-
ry by corrupting thy true
Religion: Our love toward
our Brethren, ought to be
like the love wherewith
thou hast loved us, that is
pure, uncorrupt, vehement
and everlasting; but we
love

Meditations.

love for our own pleasures
and for worldly respects;
we are soon provoked to
anger, we mislike long, we
are hard to be reconciled,
we are not so dutiful to
our Parents and Governours,
so kind to our Friends, so
charitable to Strangers, so
courteous to those that are
in necessity, as we ought to
be. We should be holy and
pure as thou art pure, be-
cause thou (Lord) hast re-
deemed us from all impure-
ness, that we should con-
tinually offer up unto thee
our Souls and Bodies, as a
pure, living, and acceptable
Sacrifice; and because we
are thy Temples wherein

Prayers and

it pleaseth thee to dwell, by thy grace and Holy Spirit: But we feel too too many rebellious motions, and corrupt cogitations, such as we are ashamed to speak of to any mortal man: Our minds should be drawn up on high with the love of Heavenly and spiritual things, because we are strangers here, and Citizens in Heaven; for that we know the things that are here below, to be uncertain and transitory as the flower of the Grasse; our Selves frail and mortal and the joyes prepared for us after this mortal life, to be infinite, inestimable, and ever-

Meditations.

everlasting; howbeit, we spend a great part of our time in following after the things of this world, in providing for this lump of Earth; our studies, cares and communications, are very earthly and prophane. Finally, we have broken all thy Laws, we can perform no good thing perfectly: we consider not alwayes effectually, that we are in thy presence, and that all things are open unto thee, be they in respect of men never so secret; We depend not constantly upon thy providence, we rest not with full contentation of mind, in thy good pleasure

Prayers and

sure ; we have not yet learned wholly to resign our selves, our Children, our Friends, and those Blessings which thou hast given us, into thy Hands, and to be contented without any murmuring or repining with that estate of life wherein thou placest us. We are not careful enough for those whom thou hast committed to our especial charge. We corrupt and abuse all thy good gifts. We cannot rehearse the multitude of our offenses, for we are guilty of infinite crimes which we remember not, nor never knew because of our ignorance
and

Meditations.

and negligence. And although we be in so ill a case, so vile of nature, so void of goodness, so full of infirmities, and so near a thousand destructions, yet are we not thoroughly humbled before thee: we do, not loath and lament our sinnes as we ought to do, we flatter our selves, we extenuate our faults, we inwardly dislike those that admonish us, we are slow in reforming of our selves, yea, which thou of all things most abhorrest, we are soon blown up with vain glory, and made proud of thy gifts, and of those good things which thou of
thy

Prayers and

thy goodness workest in us, and by us. Therefore, O Lord, according to the multitude of these our miseries, we fly unto the throne of thy Grace, as they that are guilty of infinite crimes, craving thy pardon, as they that are ashamed of their foulness, and fain would be washed with the Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, as they that are wounded to everlasting death, and desire to be healed with the Sovereign Oyl of thy Grace, and holy Spirit; O Lord forsake not those who desire earnestly to forsake themselves. Receive us into thy favour who only
appeal

Meditations.

appeal to thy Mercies. We know not any way to come unto thee, nor any means to obtain any good thing at thy hands, but only by him, even our Lord and Saviour, who saith, *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* Who hath promised, *That whatsoever we ask in his Name, thou wilt give it us;* And of whom thou thy self hast witnessed by all the Prophets and Apostles, that *He is the propitiation for all our sinnes.* In him therefore, and through him we ask all good things of thy infinite Majesty. **○ LORD** although our faith be weak,
our

Prayers and

our Repentance, our Sanctification, and all things in us unperfect, yet hear and accept us for the worthyness and perfection of thy Sonne our advocate and Redeemer. O Lord our God, forsake not the work of thine own Hands: Remember not our sins any more, but vouchsafe to finish that new birth which thou hast begun in us: and to this end, we beseech thee alwaies to soften and to prepare our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, unto the perfect obedience of thy Gospel, and to imprint in our Consciences a deep feeling of our sins, howbeit
in

Meditations.

in such measure, as that we be not driven thereby to despair of thy mercies, but better humbled before thee, provoked to a more serious repentance of our former evil life, to a greater fervency in praying, and seeking for thy help, and a more carefulness ever hereafter, to flee, even the shew, of every evil thing, and all occasions of offending against thee, and our Brethren. But because it is not enough to avoid evil; we beseech thee, to give us a full assurance and a sweet feeling of thy love towards us in Jesus Christ, wherewith our heart,

Prayers and

hearts being thoroughly inflamed we may bring forth abundantly the fruits of thy holy Spirit, and shew our faith by good works, to the testifying of our most dutiful Service towards thee (O Lord our God) the stopping of the mouths of the ungodly, and provoking of a great many to praise thy most holy Name, for those good things which thou hast wrought in us: therefore grant us, O most merciful Lord, a zeal for thy glory, according to knowledge, boldness for thy cause, joyned with humility, wisdom with sincerity, joy-

Meditations.

in-oyfulness of mind, and
orth-true sadness for our sins,
of-and the afflictions of our
new-Brethren. Teach us to obey
rks-and reverence our Superi-
our-ours, to be loving to all our
to-Equals and Inferiours, cha-
our-ritable to our Enemies, de-
the-sirous to do good to all
lly-men, to be diligent in our
ear-Callings, to abhor all de-
ost-ceitful and unrighteous
od-dealings. Make us thankful
aft-for all thy benefits, faithful
ore-in using them according to
ful-thy will, patient in forbea-
ry-ring of them, constant in
ge-suffering the loss of all
le-earthly benefits for thy e-
y-verlasting truth. And be-
y-cause it is thy good plea-
y-sure

Prayers and

sure that we should wrestle
and strive against our re-
bellious nature, and a huge
Host of spiritual enemies,
we beseech thee to arm us
from above, with the com-
pleat armour of thy grace.
And for as much as our
strength and fortitude is
nothing in respect of our
adversaries, assist us mighti-
ly; that in all temptations,
dangers and assaults, we
may lay sure hold with the
hand of faith upon the vi-
ctory of our Saviour Jesus
Christ, that albeit we be
not able to overcome in
our own persons; yet we
may overcome in his, who
hath overcome for us, and

Meditations.

So after this warfare finished, be made partakers of those promises which are knit unto the Victory, even the Crown of Glory, the fellowship of all the Saints, and the most comfortable presence of thy Majesty, through the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And we pray not only for our selves, but also for all Nations of the World, that they may be called to the comfortable light, and effectual feeling of thy Gospel through the Preaching of the same; and for those that are already called, O Lord we humbly beseech thee to make up, and happily

Prayers and

pily to finish that Heaven
Work of the new Birth
which thou in mercy hast
begun in them, strengthen-
ing and comforting their
Souls dayly more and more
with the lively food of
thy blessed Word and Sa-
craments, sincerely mini-
stred, according to thy
most holy Ordinance; the
which inestimable grace,
we beseech thee to make
this Church of England
partaker of yet more abun-
dantly. And to this end, we
most humbly crave of thy
Majesty, to bless thy Ser-
vant *Charles*, our gracious
King and Governor, with
all manner of Excellent
bles-

Meditations.

things, that he may
worthily seek, and set
forth thy glory by advan-
cing thy true Religion, and
suppressing all things that
hinder the same. Give
of grace to this Honourable
Parliament, and to all that
be put into authority under
them, faithfully to assist
in this great work. Make
the Ministers of thy Word
zealous in thy truth, dili-
gent in their Office, wise in
propounding thy Myste-
ries unto the people, happy
and comfortable in their
Labours. Increase the num-
ber of them, for they are
few, and great is the mul-
titude of those that want
and

Prayers and

and thirst after thy Word.
Finally, shew thy self (O
Lord) mighty and merciful
in relieving and comfort-
ing all those that be af-
flicted, and humbled with
any kind of calamity, whe-
ther it be extreme pover-
ty, or bodily sickness, or
inward grief of mind for
the burthen of their sins.
But especially, remember
those in thy mercy, which
are in Bonds, or Troubles
for thy Truth, granting
unto them patience in
suffering, cheerfulness
in praising thy glorious
Name, for thy everlasting
love towards them in
Christ, and constancy in
pro-

Meditations.

professing a good cause
with a good conscience un-
to the end, through our
Lord Jesus Christ: In whose
name we pray for these, and
all other graces needful,
either for our selves, or for
the whole Church, as he
hath taught and command-
ed us, saying

*Our Father which art in
Heaven, &c.*



A Heavenly Meditation.

63 **O** LORD my good
GOD, and most
gracious Father in Jesus
K Christ

Prayers and

Christ I wretched sinner,
here prostrate before thy
Throne of Grace, do even
out of the deep affliction
of my wretched heart,
look upon thee; and, with
sighs and groans unfeigned
for sin, my humbled Soul
doth call upon thee, who
art my only hope, stay, and
refuge in all distresses, be-
ing of power only to help,
and canst only ease and set
me free. Look not upon
my sins (I humbly beseech
thee:) let them not stand
between me and thy mercy.
Set aside all my guiltiness;
blot out all my transgressi-
ons, which daily and hour-
ly do highly provoke thee

Meditations.

to wrath and indignation
against me : and behold me
in mercy , for thy Son
Christ Jesus sake : in, by, and
for whom only , mercy is
to be had. I know and ac-
knowledge (O Lord) that
thou art a just God in all
thy Judgments, and none
more fit and worthy to re-
ceive the sharpest taste of
thine afflicting and corre-
cting hand than my self, in
respect of the huge heap
of sin and wickedness
by me committed : But as
thou art most just, so (glo-
rious Father) thou art also
most merciful ; and upon
thy gracious favour and
goodness in Christ Jesus,

Prayers and

I poor miserable, sinfull
wretch, do depend, being
my sole and only support
in my greatest distresses
and dangers, be it by sick-
ness, disgraces, losses, or
any other cross or calami-
ty whatsoever. And when-
soever any of these out-
ward afflictions are upon
me, or any other inward
conflicts of the mind do
take hold on me (how
sharply and bitterly soe-
ver;) yet teach me, O Lord,
by thy grace to make use
thereof to my comfort, and
that I may find, feel, and
confess that it is thy hand,
dear Father, that smiteth
me, and that thou smitest
me

Meditations

me for my good, even that
the burning heat of sin
may be quenched in me,
and I be wholly drawn
from my corrupt waies,
lest I perish with this wic-
ked, ungodly, and grace-
less world : Therefore
direct thou my heart and
minde, to joy in this and all
other thy fatherly corre-
ctions, and to praise thy Ma-
jesty for the same, and with
gladsomeness of heart, to
entertain griefs, troubles,
or any affliction of the
sharpest kinde, that thy fa-
therly goodness shall think
meet to lay upon me ; For
O LORD, this wretched
Carcass of mine is a mass

Prayers and

of corruption, savouring
of nothing else but Earth
and earthly matter, full of
Blanes, Sores, and deep
Wounds, and had need of
some sharp Corrosive to
cleanse the same, that they
may be the better cured;
Otherwise (dear Father)
this poor imprisoned
Soul of mine, cannot
escape from being defiled
with all manner of evil,
and thereby in hazard to
be spoiled of those Hea-
venly graces, wherewith it
should be adorned and
beautified to eternal life.
This wretched Soul of
mine (most gracious God)
doth pine away for sorrow
and

Meditations.

and even pant for breath,
longing to receive increase
of life from the living
Stock Christ Jesus, which
must be thy work, (and
thy work only;) and work
this effectually, I humbly
beseech thee, which way
thou wilt, and do thou give
what thou wilt have me to
do, and then do what
thou wilt to me, and with
me, thy unworthy Servant.
*For though I should walk
through the Valley of the
shadow of Death, I could
fear none evil: for thou art
with me, thy Rod and thy
Staff do comfort me: If I
should enter into an enu-
meration of my sins, there*

Prayers and

is no end of them: For,
How much time have I
idly spent? How much
time have I vainly spent?
How much time have I
most wickedly spent? And
how little time have I
employed in thy Service?
This, O LORD, carryeth
in it an infinite number of
sins, and for this I deserve
justly to be forsaken of
thee, and to be reserved and
left unto endless condem-
nation both of Body and
Soul. But, however in
Youth I have not heeded
this, or in Age may easily
forget this, yet let thy grace
(most gracious Father) re-
mind the one, inform the
other

Meditations.

other, and reforme both;
that by thy Grace I may be
taught and directed, with
Judgment to feel, with
conscience to acknowledge,
with remorse to lament my
former strayings and steps
ignorantly undertaken, un-
graciously followed, and
fearfully continued to my
endless danger, if thou
O Lord, do not in mercy
stay my courses, and set me
in the right path of eternal
salvation. Be pleas'd to this
end (most loving Father) to
follow me still with thine
afflicting hand, which is
thy Fatherly School, by
the which thou dost warn
and admonish thy Children

Prayers and

and Servants to look into
their sins past, whereby
they provoke thee to pu-
nish; Thou dost teach and
instruct them to behold
the sins present which
provoke still, and to see in-
to the peril and danger to
come, unto which sin doth
bring them, and by which
thou dost punish and cor-
rect them; not to destru-
ction, but to amendment.
Therefor (dear God) let
me embrace affliction as a
welcome guest, that Sin
the cause thereof may be
more and more wasted, and
Glory the end thereof may
be more and more hastned.
Thou takest no pleasure in

pu.

Meditations.

punishing thy Children,
but because thou wilt not
the death of a sinner, but
that he may turn and live:
therefore thou punishest;
which is the chastising Rod
of a loving Father; and not
the sharpned Sword of a
severe Judge. It is amend-
ment that thou lookest for,
which is the sweet fruit of
true and unfeigned Repen-
tance. But to turn to thee
in part, and not wholly, is
no Repentance; To sorrow
for sin, and to forbear sin in
time of affliction only, is
no Repentance; To have
an inward touch for sin
without CHRIST, is no
Repentance. Therefore, O
Lord

Prayers and

Lord, give me a feeling
Conscience, vouchsafe me
thy Grace to apprehend a
perfect turning from sin;
and grant unto me, I hum-
bly beseech thee, a thorow
changed and truly mortifi-
ed heart, which cannot but
work in me an unfeigned
love of Righteousness, and
a full purpose and endea-
vour to serve thee my good
God and most loving Father
with a sincere and true heart-
ed affection. And guide me,
O Lord, to flie unto thee,
daily by Prayer, for for-
giveness of my sins; for
grace to reform my waies,
and for true Faith to take
fast hold of mercy in Christ,
which

Meditations.

which is the ready way to be made righteous before thee. And because (dear GOD) I may speedily still tread in that narrow path which is hardly found, and not easily kept (through Satans malice, the Worlds enticements, and mine own in-born Corruptions,) Let thy working grace never be wanting in me, by which I may be taught and confirmed neither to prize of works too high (with the Papists) nor too low (with Libertines;) but to learn this for truth against both, that neither with the one must I presume to challenge Merit by my Works, nor with

Prayers and

with the other must I dare
to take liberty to live as I
list: It is manifest and plain
O LORD, that Papists de-
pend more upon Phari-
saical working, than upon
Christian believing; and
it is as true, that the loose
Libertine careth little, ei-
ther for Faith, or Fruits:
And both these are flat
Enemies against the Cross
of thy dear Son, our a-
lone Saviour Christ Jesus:
The one taking upon him
to add a supply of merit
by works, to that which is
unto man a free Gift from
thee by grace, and a Sacri-
fice all sufficient to satisfie
thee, and ransom us: The
others

Meditations.

others cry out daily in their most filthy and corrupt conversation, *Let us sin, that Grace may abound;* and so indeed turn the Grace of thee our good God into wantonness. Far be it from me (dear Father) to be insnared by either of these. And yet an healthful Body, a full Purse, glory and worldly reputation, or any prosperity thou knowest, are dangerous Engines to intangle an unregenerate man; especially when a sincere profession, when a holy practice are of the least esteem among men that are in the fulness of prosperity; and therefore (my

Prayers and

(my most gracious God) I
humbly and heartily thank
thy holy Majesty, in that it
hath pleas'd thee to abridge
my wealth, to abate my
fulness, and to darken my
transitory reputation: For
though to the outward
man they seem bitter and
unsavory, yet to the inner
man they bring the sweet
and pleasant taste of Repen-
tance not to be repented of
which is alwaies followed
with sweet fruit of amend-
ment. And I most humbly
beseech thy Fatherly good-
ness that as it hath pleased
thee to strike at the door
of my heart by these out-
ward crosses, through the
power

Meditations.

power of thy blessed Spirit, and thereby to awake me out of that deep sleep of sin and security, whereinto I was faln, so as I was deprived (for the same) of all spiritual sense and feeling of Heaven and heavenly things, through the multitude of devouring Monsters, as Lust, Covetousness, Pride, Vain-glory, Hypocrisie, and a thousand of like nature, which were Syrene -- Deceivers, haunting me in the daies of my prosperity, and seeking utterly to spoil me of spiritual life, and to pursue me to eternal death, hadst not thou of thine infinite

Prayers and

finite goodness discovered
their slights, altered their
course, and given ability to
resist the temptation; a-
gainst whose strength with-
out thine arm of defence
I cannot possibly prevail.
Therefore (Gracious God)
continue to watch over
me, and look upon me still,
and behold me in my wo-
ful and wretched Estate;
give me wisdom from
above to fore-see all dan-
gers that may befall unto
me, a true constant faith
to resist the fury, and all ful-
ness of spiritual strength,
that I may hold out the
Combat, and overcome:
For I long much (O Lord)

Meditations.

to be even estranged and
free from those snares and
evils with which I have
been too much acquainted,
and to be a familiar com-
panion to those that fear
thee, and to imbrace and fol-
low all holy duties which
thou lookest for, and requi-
rest at the hands of thy ser-
vants, that I may spend the
rest of my life to come, to
please thee, and praise thee.
Assist me (dear Father) in
this my desire, give me thy
continual aid and assistance
from above, to furnish and
fortifie me and my weakness
and as by thy grace thou
hast made me in some mea-
sure willing, so I humbly
be-

Prayers and

beseech thee to make me
in full measure able to find,
follow, and hold the way
that thou hast set before
thy Chosen to walk in.
And to this end, dear God
let my carnal and corrupt
heart be by thy Spirit cleansed,
my flinty and stony
heart by the dew of thy
Grace softened, and my
ambitious and proud heart
by both thoroughly humbled,
that it being wholly
changed by thee, & brought
into a Spiritual Temper,
and so made the Treasure-
house of good things, it
may send forth the sweet
Fruits of Holiness to thy
Glory, the good example
of

Meditations.

of others, and mine own
endless Comfort in Christ
Jesus. This being wrought
in me, O Lord, of thy meer
mercy and goodness, keep
me still in thy way, I most
humbly beseech thee, that
my desire may be augmen-
ted daily to do thy Will,
and my ability also may
increase daily to fulfil this
desire; then let sorrows
and afflictions both in man-
ner and measure follow me,
and possess me so long as
thy self wilt, which are in-
deed most plain and profi-
table Teachers to inform
me, how vile my self am,
how vain this wretch-
ed and wicked world
is

Prayers and

is, and that the greatest glory and most pleasing delights thereof, are meer vanity and vexation of Spirit. What availeth it (O Lord) to be in health of Body, if a man have a sick Soul in him? What profit can there be to flow in Worldly wealth, and to want the Treasure of the Soul, which is the preaching of the Word, and the Holy Spirit of promise to sanctifie both? And what is all the glory and reputation in the world, if a man want grace to seek after the everlasting glory of the world to come? Blessed Father, give me a sound
and

Meditations.

rest and healthful Soul, and
let the Body stand laden
with what sickness it shall
Please thee: Make me to
abound in the Heavenly
Treasures, and howsoever
Earthly Treasures fail me,
let me be heartily well
content therein: Lead
me along to seek after the
glory that is eternal, and
let the fading glory of this
faithless world light where
it will, rest with whom it
will, and leave them, and
whom it will. For he that
hath all these without thy
grace (O God) hath but
so many burthens to hold
him down from rising up
with Christ, that he may
seek

Prayers and

seek those things which are above, and he that hath the grace of God, though he want all these, hath sufficient. I confess (dear Father) that if thou shouldst leave me to my self, and give me over to follow the sway of my sinful heart, I should be as deeply plunged in wickedness, as the worst, and become dangerously defiled with those vile and loathsome sins, wherewith many in the World stand miserably tainted: For naturally (unless thy grace restrain) I am most prone and ready to give allowance and consent to all evil, but the im-

me-

Meditations.

moderate heats of youth,
for the most part hin-
der the feeling of this,
and careless Age doth
many times think of
it too late : so that
in youth man is ready
to flatter himself with
hope of many daies,
and therefore thinketh
himself to have time
enough to turne from
wickedness, and Age
is ready to deferre from
day to day, and make
small haste to amend-
ment. But thy Word
(O LORD) teach-
eth Youth to look to
it selfe in time, both
by threatening and ad-
monition

L

Prayers and

monition; By threatning,
O young man (saith So-
lomon), rejoyce in thy
youth, and let thine heart
cheer thee in the daies
of thy youth, and walk
in the waies of thy heart,
and in the sight of thine
eyes. But what fol-
loweth? Surely youth
must know, that for
all these the most just
and mighty God will
bring him to judgment:
By admonishing in these
words, Remember thy
Maker in the daies of
thy youth; whilst the e-
vil daies come not, nor
the years approach where-
in thou shalt say, I have

nothing

I

no

Meditations.

no pleasure in them. And as a mean to bridle and restrain them; this Rule is set, *That a young man must redress his wayes, by taking heed thereunto, according to thy Word.* And as an encouragement to rouse up old age, to walk religiously, it is said by the same *Solomon, Age is a Crown of glory, when it is found in the way of Righteousness.* So that if it be found in the waies of Wickedness, it is the most hateful spectacle of filthy shame, and more to be loathed and ab-

Prayers and

horred, than the stains
of iniquity in hot and un-
bridled youth. And both
Young and Old are taught
by thee to know; That
he that doth unrighteous-
ness, is not of thee, and
he that is born of Thee,
finneeth not. Therefore,
*Teach me (O Lord) to num-
ber my dayes, that I may
incline my self to wisdom.*
That wisdom which teach-
eth us to know thee, and
Jesus Christ whom thou
hast sent; That wisdom
which telleth us that we
were once darkness, but
are now light in the Lord,
and commandeth us to
walk as Children of Light,
That

Meditations.

That wisdom which bid-
deth us to have no fel-
lowship with the unfruit-
ful works of Darkness,
but to reprove them ra-
ther; That wisdom which
enjoyneth us to cast off
(concerning the conversa-
tion in times past) the
Old Man, which is corrupt
through the deceivable
Lusts, and to put on the
New Man, which after
thee, O GOD, is created in
Righteousness and true
Holiness. Finally, that
wisdom which warneth
us to walk circumspectly,
not as Fools, but as Wise,
redeeming the time, for
the daies are evil. Fur-

Prayers and

nish me (dear Father) daily more and more, with some good portion of this wisdom, which may be a Lantern to my feet, an a Light to my steps, to lead me in the way of Righteousness, and to learn me to use this World as though I used it not, to fly lust, to repent me of sin, that this old Man of sin, which I carry about me, may be crucified with Christ my Saviour; That the Body of sin may be destroyed; and henceforth I may no longer serve sin; least when the night is come of my evil-passed-day, and death shall approach

Meditations.

proach to demand his due,
I then look about me too
late, and be taken napping
as the foolish Virgins
were ; when as neither
tears, nor sighs, nor cries
will then be heard, but that
the just sentence of Con-
demnation will be given
and cannot be revoked. De-
liver me (most gracious
Father) from this peril, and
direct me by thy grace, to
be ever mindful of thine
afflicting hand ; that my
Soul may be humbled be-
fore thee, and reap this
comfort from the confide-
ration of mine own wick-
edness, that it is thy un-
speakable mercy that I am

Prayers and

not utterly consumed. But thou art my portion, and I will still hope in thee, for thou art alwaies good to them that trust in thee, and to the Soul that seeketh thee. Blessed God, let me evermore trust in thee, and let my Soul continually seek after thee, and willingly and joyfully wait for thy Salvation; and when it shall please thee to think it fit, I humbly beseech thee to shorten these daies of sin, and speed the delivery of this my wretched soul out of the leathsome prison of this my sinful body, that with the rest of thy Saints, it may take possession of thy

Meditations.

thy heavenly inheritance purchas'd for me and all the chosen Israel of God, by the death & bloodshedding of the immaculate and unspotted Lamb Christ Jesus. To whom with thee O Father and the Holy Ghost, be all praise, power, Majesty, and Dominion, both now and evermore, *Amen*

A Prayer for the acknowledging of Gods goodness and mercy unto us.

64 **A** Almighty Saviour, how gracious hast thou been to poor afflicted Souls, to promise them, that whosoever asketh shall receive, whoso-

L 5 ever

Prayers and

ever seeketh shall find, and
whosoever knocketh, it
shall be opened unto him.
Doubtless, thou takest, a
pleasure in giving, in ac-
cepting, and in opening the
Gates of mercy. Behold
then, I do not only ac-
knowledge this goodness
to all man-kind, but thy
particular mercy to my
self: and whereas I find
the want even of good de-
sires, I beseech thee supply
me with thy infused grace,
for I seek my lost self, and
I seek thee whom I have
lost: I find thee, in midst of
manifold compassions; I
find my self in the snares
of temptations and mise-
ries;

Meditations.

ries : I find thee, in the
Treasure-house of thy pro-
mises, I find myself, in the
Dungeon and Prison-house
of my iniquity : I find thee
in the Sanctuary of Hea-
ven, I find my self in the
Depths of Hell, Behold
then, I crave, both to seek
my self, and thee, My self,
as having committed ma-
ny grievous sins, for which
I would fain be directed
to the School of Repen-
tance ; Thee, as having suf-
fered for them, yea been
brought unto death, and a
most grievous passion for
my sake : but seeing thou
hast in mercy by thy pro-
mise made thy self a deb-
tor

Prayers and

tor unto us, give me leave
to challenge the perform-
ance, according to thy own
appointment. Thou hast
told us plainly, At what
time soever a sinner doth
repent him of his sins thou
wilt blot out his iniquities
and put away his transgres-
sions from thy remem-
brance. O Lord, I do re-
pent, and am heartily for-
ry for offending so good a
God; and whereas like a
lame cripple, I cannot fol-
low thee to the Heavenly
Harvest, whereby I am
worthy to lose my inheri-
tance, I cannot come to
the perfection of Repen-
sance; Fly to thy Grace

Meditations,

to supply my defects, and
I beseech thee of thy
bounty by the rich treasure
of thy mercies in Christ, to
cast down a favourable
countenance on me, and
make me partaker of all
thy promises, *Amen.*

*A Prayer for Gods protection
of his Church in respect of
the present troubles of it.*

69 **A** Almighty God, thou
Lord of Hosts, and
Governour of all things,
whose power no creature
is able to resist, to whom it
belongeth justly to punish
sinners, and to be merciful to
them that truly repent,
work

Prayers and

work in us, and in all thy People unfeigned and effectual Repentance, that what thou seest amiss in us, and amongst us, or in any parts of thy Church, may speedily and thoroughly be reformed; that which is righteous and good in thy sight, may be established and maintained, especially in this our Land, and other places, professing thy Truth and Gospel. And the mean time, while we strive after that which may be most agreeable to thy holy will, as it is revealed in thy heavenly Word; Be merciful unto us, and bring us on rather as thou seest

it

Meditations

it needful, by the Rod of thy Fatherly correction : evermore also supporting us, as our most gracious shepherd (whilst thy true though weak and poor Flock) by that Staff of Comfort, And thou Son of *David*, that knowest the merciless condition of Satan, and cruel men his cursed Instruments, we humbly beseech thee, never to deliver us over in to their power ; but save and defend us and all thy people evermore from the hands of all our Enemies, both Bodily and Ghostly ; and more particularly at this time, we earnestly

Prayers and

earnestly beseech thee, O heavenly Father. by the mediation of that thy Son Jesus our only Mediator, to be merciful to those that are gone out from us, or joyn with us, or stand out for the Truth or any righteous Cause; and give that issue to the present troubles of thy Church as may make most for thy Glory, the advancement of thy Truth and Gospel, the relief of all thy distressed people, in all those parts of thy troubled Church. And for the establishing of Truth and Peace in this our Land; May it please thee once to free all our brethren
from

Meditations.

O from the Dominion of that
the Mystery of Iniquity, as also
Son still to shield and secure us
tor, and all other professing thy
those Name and Truth, from that
us, cruel Faction, which, as if
and they delighted in Blood,
any have already spoiled so
ive many Nations. Lord thou
ent only art the Catholique
as King, we can acknowledg
ny no King over all the Earth
of but thy self, nor any uni-
he versal head over all thy
ed Church, but that only
rs Arch-bishop of our souls,
thy Son Jesus, our blessed
f Saviour, to whom all pow-
er is given both in Heaven
and Earth. Arise then thou
Lord, to whom the King-
doms

Prayers and

doims belong, And shew
thy self, and let not the
Man of the Earth any lon-
ger exalt himself, lest he be
too proud, and lest he as-
cribe to himself, or to his
Graven-Image, or vain I-
dols, the conquest that
thou shalt see and suffer o-
ver thy people. Not unto us
O Lord, not unto us, but to
thy Name be the praise,
For the honour of thy
Name arise, before Ephra-
im, Benjamin, and Manas-
ses, before Great Britain,
and other Countries that
call upon thy Name; Arise
and shew thy self for us,
for on thee only do we
call; we call on thee to
save

Meditations.

Give us and our forces, and
thy People now in great
danger. How, and in what
manner, and at what time
fully to declare thy salva-
tion, we refer to thy hea-
venly wisdom, only in
the mean time, that it may
please thee to sanctifie and
save, to preserve and provide
for them and us, and all thine
both in Field, at Sea, and
City; protect, and defend,
deliver them, us, and ours at
home and abroad. And thou
great Shepherd of *Israel*, be
pleased also to take down
more and more the pride
of the man of Sin, that
hath and would exalt him-
self against thee. Asswage
thou

Prayers and

thou the malice of those
who are enemies to us, and
to any of thy people, and
evermore confound all
their devices, that we be-
ing arm'd with thy defence
may ever more and more
give praise to thee, who
art the only Author of our
Peace and giver of all Vi-
ctory. And all this good
Lord, for us, for them, for
all thine, not for our merits
but for thy great mercies
sake, and for the truth sake
of thy gracious promise in
Jesus Christ our Lord and
only advocate and redeem-
er, to whom with thee, O
Father, and the holy Spirit,
be all praise and glory, now
and

Meditations:

and for evermore. *Amen.*

A Godly Prayer.

66 **O** Merciful Father,
and Lord of Hea-
ven and Earth, we come
before thy presence to
worship thee, in calling
upon thy name, and in
giving thanks unto thee.
And though our duties and
our very necessity call us
hereunto; yet we confess
our hearts be so dull and
untoward, that unless thou
be merciful unto us, to
teach us how to pray, we
shall not please thee; nor
profit our selves in these
duties; we therefore most
humbly beseech thee to
raise

Prayers and

raise up our hearts with
thy good Spirit, and so to
dispose us to Prayer, that
with true fervency of
heart, feeling of our wants,
humbleness of mind, and
Faith in thy gracious pro-
mises, we may present our
suites acceptable to thee,
by our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. And thou O
Father of all Mercies, that
hast called us unto thee,
hear us, and pitty thy poor
Servants; we have in-
deed sinned wonderfully
against thee, through
blindness of mind, profa-
ness of Spirit, hardness of
heart, self-love worldli-
ness, carnal lust, hypocri-
fic,

Meditations.

ice, pride, vanity, unthankfulness, infidelity, and other our native corruptions, which being bred in us and with us, have defiled us even from the womb, and unto this day have broken out as Plague-Sores, into Innumerable transgressions of thy holy Laws; the good ways whereof we have too carelessly, if not willingly declined from, and have many times displeased thee, and offended our own Consciences, in choosing and following those things which thou hast most justly and severely forbidden us; and besides all this, we have too long stood

Prayers and

stood against the gracious
means of our conversion
or at least not stooped and
humbled our selves before
thee as we ought, although
we have wanted none of
those helps which thou
vouchsafest unto thy wan-
dering Children, to fetch
them home withal; for we
have had (together with
thy glorious works) thy
word calling upon us with-
out, and thy good Spirit
within, and have been
solicited by promises, by
threatnings, by blessings,
by chastising, and by ex-
amples of all sorts, and es-
pecially by those wonder-
full deliverances of our
selves

Meditations.

selves above any other of
thy servants, and of our
LAND above any Nation
in the World; and yet our
corrupted spirits cannot
become wise before thee,
so humble themselves, and
rightly to acknowledge
thy goodness; we will not
take heed as we ought,
and as thou most justly
dost require, and mayest
expect of us. Wherefore
(O LORD GOD) we do
acknowledge thy patience
to have been infinite and
incomparable, in that thou
hast been able to hold thy
hands from revenging thy
self on us thus long; and
yet pleasest to hold open
M the

Prayer and

the doore of Grace, that
we might come in unto
thee and be saved. And
now, O Blessed Lord God,
we are desirous to come
unto thee, how wretched
soever in our selves; yet
our very wretchednesse
sends us unto thee, unto
Thee with whom the Fa-
therless, and he that hath
no Helper, the Sinner also,
and he that hath no merite,
finds Mercy and Grace.
But we come to thee in thy
Son's name, not daring to
come in our own, in his
Name that came for us, we
come to thee, in his media-
tion whom thou hast sent
in him (O Father) in
whom

Meditations:

whom thou hast professed
thy self to be well pleased,
we come unto thee; and do
most humbly beseech thee
to pity us, and to save us for
thy mercy sake in him. O
LORD our GOD, our
sins have not out-bidden
that blood of thy holy
Son, which speaks for
our pardon; nor can any
be so infinite as thou art
in thy Mercies: And our
hearts (O God thou seest)
are desirous to have peace
with thee, and war with
our lusts, and wish that they
could melt before thee, and
be dissolved into Godly
mourning for all that filth
that hath gone through them

Prayers and

and defiled them: And our
desires are now to serve and
please thee, and our purpo-
ses to endeavour it more
faithfully. We pray thee
therefore, for the Lord Je-
sus sake, to seal up in our
Consciences thy gracious
pardon for all our sins
past, and give us to feel the
consolation of thy grace
shed abroad in our hearts
for our eternal comfort
and salvation. And that we
may know this perswasion
to be of thy Spirit, and not
of carnal presumption
(Blessed God) let those
graces of thy Spirit which
do accompany Salvation,
be poured out more plen-
tifully

Meditations.

tifully upon us : increase in
us all Godly knowledge,
faith , patience , tempe-
rance , meekness, wisdom,
godliness, love of thy word
with Saints, and Servants, a
zeal of thy Glory : give us
Judgment to discern the
difference of good and ill,
and also of things present
which are temporary, and
things to come which are
eternal.

Make us yet at the last
wise-hearted to lay up
our Treasure in Heaven ;
and to set our affections
more upon things which
are above , where Christ
sits at thy right hand. And
let all the vain and transito-

Prayers and

ry inticements of this
poor life appear unto us
as they are, that our hearts
may be no more intangled
and bewitched with the love
of them, O Lord God our
GOD, who hast dearly
bought us to thy own self,
give us so honest hearts as
may be glad to yield thee
possession in thine own; and
be thou so gracious as yet
to make them up, though
we have desperately held
thee out of them in times
past; and be pleased to dwell
in us, and in our Land, and
reign in us, and among us by
thy holy Word, and power-
ful Spirit, that we may be
sure to reign with thee in
thy

Meditation.

thy glorious Kindom; according to thy promise in thy Word, through him that hath purchased that inheritance for all that trust in him; and seeing thou dost so promise these graces and mercies to us, as that thou requir'st our industry and diligence in the use of such means, as serve thereto, good Lord, let us not so cross our prayer for grace, as not to seek that by diligence, which we make shew to seek by prayer, lest our own waies condemn us of Hypocrisie. Stir us up therefore (O Lord) to the frequent use of Prayer, to the often and

Prayer's and

serious reading, hearing, and meditating of thy holy Word; teach us to profit by the conversation of thy people, and to be profitable in our own. Make us wise to apprehend all opportunities of doing or receiving spiritual good; strengthen us with grace to observe our hearts and waies, to retain them in good order, or to reduce them quickly. Let us never think any company so good as thine, or any time so well spent as that which is in thy Service, and in beautifying of thine Image in our selves or others. Particularly, we pray thee
open

Meditations.

open our eyes to see our own natural infirmities, and to discover the Advantages which Satan gets thereby. And give us care to strive most when we are most assaulted and endamag'd. And thou O God, that hast promised to bless thy own Ordinances, bless all things unto us, that we may thereby grow in grace, and in knowledge, faith, love, and all heavenly vertues, and so may shine as lights in this dark world, giving good example to all men, and may at the end of our Race rest and lie down in the peace of a good Conscience embalmd

M 5

Prayers and

balm'd with a good report,
and may leave thy blessings
entailed unto ours after us
for an inheritance. These
O Father, are our special
sutes, wherein we beseech
thee to set forth the won-
derful riches of thy grace
towards us for Christ Je-
sus sake: and as for this life,
and the things thereof, we
crave them of thee, so far
as may be for our good, and
thy glory, beseeching thee
to provide for us, as unto
this day, in mercy. And
when thou wilt humble or
exalt us, govern us so long
and so far in all conditions
and changes, as we may
cleave fast unto thee our
God,

Meditations.

God unchangeably rejoicing in thee and thy unchangeable love; above all things, esteeming thee our portion and sufficient Inheritance for evermore.

Now what grace we crave for our selves (which are here before thy Presence) we humbly beg for all those that any way belong unto us, and that by duty or promise we own our Prayers unto; beseeching thee to be as gracious unto them as to our own souls, and especially to such of them as in respect of any present affliction or temptation, may be in special need of some more speedy help

Prayers and

help and comfort from
thy mighty hand. Yea,
our Lord God, we hum-
bly desire thee to bless
with our Prayers thy
whole Church; but more
especially this Nation, and
therein the King's most
Excellent Majesty, our
Sovereign Lord, (King
CHARLS); also all that
be in authority among us:
beseeching thee to follow
him, and all of them, with
those blessings of thy pro-
tection and direction, which
may preserve them safe
from the malice of the
World and of Satan, & may
make them in their great
places faithful to thee, for
the

Meditations.

from the good of thy Church
Yea, and People, and their own
um- eternal happiness and ho-
blefs nour. LORD, look mer-
thy cifully on those in the
more Church that are under the
and Cross. And we beseech
most thee to furnish all Chur-
our ches, especially in this
ing LAND, with faithful
that and fruitful Ministers, and
is: to bless their lives and la-
ow bours for those merciful
th ends and rules to which
o- thou hast ordained them.
h Sanctifie thy people, O
fe God, and let them not
e deceive themselves with
y formality of Religion, in-
t stead of the power there-
r of, give them grace to pro-
fit

Prayers and

fic both by thy favours,
and by those chastisements
which thou hast sent, ei-
ther in particular, or in
general, successively, or
mixed among them, or
upon them. And Lord,
suppress that rage of sin,
and prophaneſs in all
Christian ſtates, which
breeds ſo much Apoſtaſie,
and defection, threatening
the taking away of this
light from them. Con-
found O G O D, all the
counſels and practiſes of
Satan and his Miniſters,
which are or ſhall be ta-
ken up againſt Thee and
the Kingdom of thy dear
Son. Call in the diſperſed
Jews

Meditations.

Jews, and make up the fulness of the Gentiles, that thy Name may be glorious in all the World, the days of Iniquity may come to an end, and we with all thine Elect people may come to see thy Face in Glory, and be filled with the Light thereof, for evermore.

Grant these our humble Petitions, good Father, for Christ Jesus thy dear Son, our blessed Saviours sake: to whom with thee, and thy holy Spirit, be all glory and praise now and for ever. Amen.

Prayers and



*A Prayer to be used upon the
30 of January, being the
day of the Martyrdom of
King Charles the first.*

67 **O** Most mighty God,
terrible in thy
Judgments, and wonderful
in thy doings towards the
children of men, who in
thy heavy displeasure didst
suffer the life of our late
gracious Sovereign to be
this day taken away by
wicked hands; We, thy un-
worthy Servants, humbly
confess, that the sins of this
Nation have been the cause
which hath brought this
heavy

Meditations.

heavy judgment upon us.
But, O gracious God, when
thou makest inquisition for
blood, lay not the guilt of
this innocent blood, (the
shedding whereof nothing
but the blood of thy Son
can expiate) lay it not to
the charge of the people of
this land, nor let it ever be
required of us, or our poster-
ity. Be merciful, be mer-
ciful unto thy people, whom
thou hast redeemed; and
be not angry with us for e-
ver; but pardon us for thy
mercies sake, through the
merits of thy Son our Lord
Jesus Christ, *Amen*

Prayers and



*A Prayer to be used upon the
29 of May. being the day
of his Majesties birth, and
happy return to his King-
doms.*

68 **O** God, who by thy
divine Providence
and goodness didst this day
first bring into the world
and didst this day also bring
back and restore to us, and
to his own just and undoubt-
ed rights our most gracious
Sovereign Lord thy Servant
King *Charles*; Preserve his
life, and establish his throne
we beseech thee. Be unto
him a Helmet of Salvation
against

Meditations.

against the face of his Enemies, and a strong Tower of defence in the time of trouble. Let his Reign be prosperous, and his daies many. Let justice, truth, and holines; let peace, and love, and all Christian virtues flourish in his time. Let his people serve him with honour and obedience; and let him so duly love thee on earth, that he may hereafter everlastingly reign with thee in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

Prayers and

光光光光光光光光光光

A devout Prayer against the
Plague in the time
Common Visitation.

69 **A** Lmighty God, our
Heavenly Father
whose Judgments are most
severe, and terrible against
obstinate offenders; but
thy Mercies infinite to all
that with hearty Repen-
tance, and true Faith turn
unto thee: We, the sinful
people of this land, whom
for our iniquities, and ma-
nifold transgressions thou
hast in many places most
justly visited with the noi-
som

Meditations.

from Plague, and Pestilence,
come now before the
Throne of thy Grace in the
Name of thy dear Son, in
whom thou art well plea-
sed; and in confidence of
that Atonement which he
hath made for us, most
humbly beseech thee to
pardon, and forgive us all
our sins in thought, word,
or deed committed against
thy Divine Majesty; to
work in us daily more and
more a true, hearty, and
unfeigned Sorrow, and re-
pentance for the same; to
plant in our hearts a sin-
cere and settled Resolution,
by the assistance of thy
Grace, to lead the rest of
our

Prayers and

our lives in careful Obedience to thy holy Will in all things; and so to remove from us this plague and grievous Sicknesse, that we be not utterly consumed by means of thy heavy hand. To this end, grant us, good Lord, of thy grace and mercy, all things conducing hereunto; Seasonable Weather, and good Air, and wholesome Food, and powerful Medicines, and whatever else thou seest to be good, and profitable for us; together with a due Care, and Conscience in using of the same, that we neither presume, nor tempt thy Majesty by neglecting

Meditations.

Obediently neglecting the Means,
which thou hast appointed,
nor yet despair of thy Bless-
ing in the diligent use of
them, nor in any event
repine, or murmur at thy
providence, what portion
soever it allots us: But that
submitting our selves to thy
good pleasure in all things,
we may commit the kee-
ping of our Souls to thee
as well doing, as unto a
faithful Creatour; with
compassionate pity, and
charity (as we are able)
succouring the sick, and
preserving the whole, and
praying fervently for All;
and finally, that depending
entirely upon thy Good-
ness,

Prayers and

ness, we may wait the hope
of thy gracious Delive
rance in Faith, and Hope, &
constant patience, with per
fect resignation to thy
wise, and just appointment
in all things; To the which
we betake our selves, and the
whole Nation, and what
soever concerns us, Be
merciful unto us, O God
be merciful unto us, for
our souls trust only in thee
and under the shadow of
thy Wings shall be our re
fuge, till this Calamity be
overpast; Which we be
seech thee speedily to re
move, if it be thy Will
O Lord God of Mercies
and Father of Compassion

on

Meditations.

voice of Joy, and Health
once more into our Dwel-
lings, for the alone Merits
sake of thy dear son Jesus
Christ, our only Media-
mour and Advocate. *Amen.*



*A special Remedy for a sick
Soul, Whereby the Sinner
may Recover himself from
the Valley of Tears to the
Hill of Joy: Or, a Medita-
tion for the Plague.*

First, Fast and Pray,
and then take a quart
of Repentance of *Ninive*,
and put in two handfuls
of Faith in the Blood of
N Christ,

Prayers and

Christ, with as much Hope
and Charity as you can get
and put it into a Vessel of
a clean Conscience; then
boyl it on the fire of Love
so long, till you see, by the
Eyes of Faith, the black
Foam of the love of the
World, to stink in your sto-
mach; then scum it off
clean with the Spoon of
faithfull Prayer. When this
is done, put in the powder
of Patience, and take the
cloth of Christ Innocen-
cy, and strain all together
in his Cup; then drink
burning hot next to the
heart, and cover thee warm
with as many cloths of
mendment of life, as God

that

Meditations:

Hope shall strengthen and enable
n ge thee to bear, that thou
fiel o mayest sweat out all the
ther poyson of Covetousness;
Low Pride, Whoredom, Idola-
by thy, Usury, Swearing, Lying,
black with such like. And when
f th thou feel'st thy self alter'd
r sto from the forenamed vices,
it o take the Powder of Say-
on o well, and put it upon thy
n th Tongue, but drink thrice
owde as much Do-well daily.
ke th Then take the Oyl of
noce Good-works, and anoint
gethe therewith thy Eyes, Ears,
rink Heart, and hands, that they
o th may be ready and nimble to
war minister to the poor mem-
s of bers of Christ: When this
Gode done, then in Gods
th

N 2

Name

Prayers and

Name arise from sin willingly, read in the Bible daily, take up the Cross of Christ bodily, and stand to it manfully, bear all visitations patiently, pray continually, rest thankfully, and thou shalt live everlastingly, and come to the Hill of Joy quickly; To which place hasten us (good LORD) speedily.

Meditations.



The Prayer of King Edward the sixth.

LORD God ; deliver
me out of this mi-
serable and wretched life, and
take me among thy chosen :
howbeit, not my will, but
thy will be done. Lord, I
commit my Spirit to thee :
O Lord, thou knowest how
happy it were for me to be
with thee : yet for thy cho-
sens sake, send me life and
health, that I may truly
serve thee. Oh my Lord
God, bless thy people,
and save thine inheritance.

N 3

Oh

Prayers and

Oh Lord God, save thy
chosen people of England.
Oh my Lord God, defend
this Realm from Papistry,
and maintain thy true Re-
ligion, that I and my peo-
ple may praise thy Holy
Name.



*A Prayer to be used upon the
2d. 3d. and 4th. of Sep-
tember, being the days
that the greatest part of
the City of London was
consumed by Fire.*

72 **L**ook down, O Lord
in the bowels of thy
mercy, upon the sorrows
and

Meditations.

and distresses of thy servants, who in the deepest sense of thy amazing Judgments, and our own manifold provocations, lie prostrate in the dust before thee.

To thee, O God holy and true, belong mercy and forgiveness; But unto us confusion of face, as it is this day: For we are that incorrigible Nation who have resisted thy Judgments, and abused thy Mercies; we have despised the chastisements of the Lord and turn'd his grace into wantonness.

What shall we then say unto thee, O thou Preserver

Prayers and

server of men? thou hast found out the iniquity of thy Servants, and discovered our nakedness and pollution, in a vengeance suited and answerable to our grievous crying sins. Our pride, oppression, and fulness of bread, hath made us like to *Sodom* and thou hast afflicted us as *Gomerrah*. We would not be reclaimed by thy exemplary punishments upon others, or our selves, and thou hast made us a terrour and astonishment to all that are round about us.

And now, O Lord, thou are most just in all that is come upon us; for thou
hast

Meditations:

hast done right, but we have done very wickedly; yet behold we are all thy people, though an unthankful and rebellious people: Suffer us therefore to implore thy pity, and the sounding of thy bowels and for thy Names sake, for thy mercies sake for Christ Jesus sake encline thine ear to us and save us,

Above all, we beseech thee, abandon us not to our selves; but by what method soever it shall please thee to reduce us, though to this bitter cup of trembling thou shalt add more and more grievous afflictions,

N 5

Prayers, &c.

ons, by any the severest
course, subdue us unto thy
self, and make us see the
things belonging to our
peace, before they be hid
from our eies, that being
duly humbled under thy
mighty hand, we may be ca-
pable of being relieved
and exalted in thy due time,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINIS.

Thankful
Remembrances
OF
Gods Wonderful
DELIVERANCES
Of this
LAND.

Psal. 72. 18.

*Blessed be the Lord God, even
The God of Israel, which
only doth wonderful things.*

Psal. 51. 15.

*O Lord open thou my lips, and
my mouth shall shew forth
thy Praise.*

Printed for H. Brome, 1671.

REMEMBRANCES

OF

Gods Wonderful

DEIVERANCES

OF THE

L. A. D.

1778.

By the Rev. John G. ...
of the ...
...
...

1778.

Of the ...
...
...

...

...

Thankful
Remembrances
OF
Gods Wonderful
DELIVERANCES
Of this
LAND.

A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the unmatchable Gun-powder-Treason, 1605.

73 **O** Lord God, the great Deliverer and Defender of those which alwaies seek and trust

Thankful

trust in thee; Accept, we
humbly beseech thee, this
our poor, but hearty
Thanksgiving, for thy gra-
cious providence over us,
and our wonderful deli-
verances. We acknow-
ledge if thou hadst dealt in
Justice according to our
long and grievous provo-
cations, thou mightest have
cut off Branch and Root,
in one day, blown up King
and Kingdome at one clap;
Nay, if, notwithstanding
our presumptions against
thee, thy wonderful pro-
tection had not been over
us, there had not been left
us a being: For, our Enc-
mies, had undermined us,
they

Remembrances.

they had digged into the deep, as if they would have made a Covenant with Hell and the Pit for our utter destruction, They had made strong combination, and though their counsel was against the LORD and his Anointed, yet had they bound the assurance and secrecie of it with the Sacrament of the Lord; so their consultations were hid and covered in darkness, and it was a plot past mans finding out. But thine eyes, O Lord did see their villany, and thine ears did hear the cry, not of us, who knew nothing, but of our extremities

Thankful

mities, which thou hadst
pitty on; for thou brokest
the bonds of the ungodly,
and didst frustrate the
counsel of thine Enemies
and didst enough to make
them see that there is no
counsel against thee, or thy
people which fear Thee,
and call upon thy Name.
Thou deliveredst even us,
our King, our Queen, our
Prince, our Nobles, and
our whole State of all
degrees to be assembled in
Parliament at that hour,
from the power of dark-
ness, and from the Fiery
Furnace which was pre-
pared for us; not to make
Brick, but either Brick, or
no-

Remembrances.

nothing of us. How did we
then see, what we have
often heard out of thy ho-
ly word? that before they
cry thou wilt hear, and
while they yet speak thou
wilt help. O how nigh art
thou to them that call on
thee, even to all such as
call on thee in truth!
Surely thou wilt hear their
cry, and wilt help them.
*Lord what is man that thou
art mindful of him, or the
Son of man that thou so re-
gardest him? What is this
little part of the world,
that thou shouldest set
thine eyes of Providence
on it so, as to shew thy
self a Watchman for us
that*

Thankful

mities, which thou hadst
pitty on; for thou brokest
the bonds of the ungodly,
and didst frustrate the
counsel of thine Enemies
and didst enough to make
them see that there is no
counsel against thee, or thy
people which fear Thee,
and call upon thy Name,
Thou deliveredst even us,
our King, our Queen, our
Prince, our Nobles, and
our whole State of all
degrees to be assembled in
Parliament at that hour,
from the power of dark-
ness, and from the Fiery
Furnace which was pre-
pared for us; not to make
Brick, but either Brick, or
no-

Remembrances.

nothing of us. How did we then see, what we have often heard out of thy holy word? that before they cry thou wilt hear, and while they yet speak thou wilt help. O how nigh art thou to them that call on thee, even to all such as call on thee in truth! Surely thou wilt hear their cry, and wilt help them. *Lord what is man that thou art mindful of him, or the Son of man that thou so regardest him?* What is this little part of the world, that thou shouldest set thine eyes of Providence on it so, as to shew thy self a Watchman for us that

Thankful

that never sleepeth, and whose care of us cannot be either corrupted by the wicked and weakly Men of the Earth, or frustrate by the deep and crafty Fiends of Hell? What, O Lord, was the zeal of those Saint-makers, that they would have sent up at once such a company to Heaven in fiery Chariots; No, no, the Lord was not in the fire that set them on work, nor would they be in those fiery works. O what a desolation and misery had fallen upon us, if thou hadst not been on our side, when men rose up against us! They had
JAN 17
swal-

Remembrances.

swallowed us up quick,
when they were so wrath-
fully displeased at us: Yea,
if thou hadst not been on
our side, not only the li-
ving had been swallowed
up, but the noise of that
blow would even have
raised the dead, raised the
foundations of the Earth,
and rent in sunder those
everlasting Monuments;
our Laws and Statutes had
been turned to dust, our
whole Land into misery
and utter desolation; we
had (as we had too justly
deserved) been scarce left
as *Sodom*, we had been
made like unto *Gomorrab*;
Zim, and *Ohim*, had dwelt

Thankful

in our houses; Superstition had raged in our Church, and Treason had reigned in our Land; But it pleased thy controuling wisdom so to bring it about, that the deceivers should be deceived, the greedy devoured, and the same Pit which the malicious digged, themselves should fall into it. For as by Powder they intended to blow it up, so didst thou first amaze them with a blast, and by it were some of them sent to their long Home from their own Houses, while they were hatching this mischief for us; as they made

Remembrances.

made Wood a colour to
hide their malice under,
so some perished by the
tree.

The Instruments, as
Powder, Wood, and Fire,
which they prepared for
our destruction, by the
same means were they de-
stroyed. Now as thou hast
often made bare thy Holy
Arm, and we still find it
stretched out for our
wonderful deliverance, so
do thou make it a mean,
good Lord, that all our
Neighbours, yea, that all
the World may see that
thou art our Saviour, and
with us learn to put their
trust in thee, and that their
de-

Prayers and

destruction may be a warning to the rest of that vipers
perous brood, speedily to
leave their damnable
wayes, lest they follow
there destruction. But
is we that are escaped
a Bird out of the snare
the Fowler, the snare
broken, and we are deliver
red. For which so grac
ous and wonderful deliv
rance of that fifth of *Novem
ber, 1605.* let us, and
our posterity after
with Bonfires, Trumpe
Shawms and Psalms, lau
and praise thy holy Name
on the fifth of *November*
yearly for ever: and let
us not only keep on day
year

Thankful

was yearly in our publick Con-
at vregations to praise thy
ly great and glorious Name,
nable but let us all, which at least
ollows yet live by that preser-
But ination, be never forgetful,
ed privately to acknowledge
are before thee, and unto thee,
are that thou art the Almigh-
elive thy and never-failing Savi-
grace our of all that put their
elive trust in thee ; and let
Ne those that come after us
and praise thee for us, from ge-
usneration to generation,
pers for ever and ever.

Amen.

Thankful



*A thanksgiving for our deli-
verance from the Spanishe
Invasion in 1588.*

74 **O** LORD our God, how glorious and
excellent is thy Name, whose strength and power
extends to the utmost parts of the Earth, and
whose Wonders are wrought upon the Seas,
and miracles upon the dry Land; at whose anger the
Heavens fly, the Earth dissolves, and the Seas make
a noise: who dost command the raging Tempest,
and

Remembrances.

and stillest the blustering
winds, making them the
instruments to fight a-
gainst thy Enemies, and to
be helpers of thy Servants;
who by the watery Ele-
ments shewedst thy power,
and declaredst thy strength
and when we were beset with
fear: our Beacons burning,
our Souldiers marching,
our Countries mustering,
and our Armies incamping,
and our Ships preparing: when
we were even faint with
dread, and fear over-ran
the Land; when our ene-
mies Gallies, Gallies,
and Ships came with full
sail for to assail us with
their murdering Pieces,
and

Thankful

and more murdering purposes for to destroy us by whole multitudes; they brought their Whips to scourge us, their Seals to mark us out for slavery, their invincible Navy had hemm'd us in: But when they swelled in their pride, and grew confident in their arm of Flesh, when they had even set foot upon our Land, and counted all their own, then even when they were in expectation presently to take our Land from us, and in assurance of presumption to slay our strong men, and torture our young men, to the

ra-

Remembrances.

pur ravish our Wives, and to
is by deflower our Virgins, to
they triumph over all, and to
s to tyrannize and glut them-
ls to selves with our blood;
very when they thought all
had their own their Ships at
when anchor, their Navy being
their grappled and conjoynd in
ident one for our utter destru-
lesh tion; Then, O Lord God
n for our Heavenly Father, it
and pleased thee to look
own down from thy glorious
they Throne, on us miserable
pre- Wretches and to remem-
and ber the glory of thy Name
ance called on amongst us; and
slay therefore at that instant
to put such courage into
to the heart of our ever re-
ra- O 2 nowned

Thankful

howned *Elizabeth*, that
Kingly Queen, as in per-
son to go forth to view
her Royal Army, and in-
courage her Souldiers,
which then attended the
Enemies approaches. And
then (O Lord) when we
could make our selves
strong only by Prayer to
thee, and cryed and called
for thy help and succour:
then it pleased thee to
give valour to our Cap-
tains, to give wit and un-
derstanding for good pro-
jects and worthy inventi-
ons; yea to make the
Winds, the fire, and the
Air, with the Waves and
Waters, and all to be on our
sides,

Remembrance.

sides, and to fight the bat-
tles for us thy poor unwor-
thy Servants, and then by
thy gracious providence
thou didst put fear in our
Enemies hearts: and the
better to cause that we
might know it to be thy
doing, even at midnight,
when we could not see to
fight, thou sentest a gale
of wind to carry Flames
of fire for us to get victo-
ry upon the Water against
our Enemies: For the
which most happy victory
desirous to shew our
thankfulness to thee (O
Lord of Hosts) as then we
had our Enemies Banners
displayed in the chiefest
O 3 preach-

Thankful

preaching place of this
Land, and sing an heavenly
Hallelujah of praise to the
Glory of thy Name in all
our publique Assemblies;
so every one for our own
particulars are ever bound
to have in mind, how up-
on the 7. of *August*. 1588
thou wroughtest that great
deliverance of this Land
from that proud Navy of
the cruel *Spaniards*, and to
bless and praise thy glo-
rious name from one gene-
ration to another. both
now and for ever,

O *Amen.*

**A Thanksgiving for the de-
liverance of this Land
from Popish Superstition
and Tyranny.**

O Lord God, we do
acknowledge that
we come late with our Sa-
crifices, so that we deserve
that thou shouldst have
no respect either to them
or us. For until we are
stricken with some fear of
more danger, we scarce
do in particular bethink
our selves, nor then as we
ought, for former delive-
rances: Fear of more plots
makes us a little to remem-
ber the Powder-Plot, and
dread of new and greater

Thankful

preperation to war and
destruction, have forced us
to recount that most sa-
vage Massacre of the Peo-
ple of this Land, intended
by that *Spanish Armado*,
and so are we desirous
now to insinuate with
thee, O Almighty God,
for new favours, by
striving more particularly
every man some way to
remember and acknow-
ledge thy former mercies.
And yet there was a deli-
verance beyond these al-
ready mentioned, from the
Tyranny of Popish Super-
stition and Idolatry, of
which we have not yet
thought, or at least not
yet

Remembrances.

and yet in this our special
d us Thanksgiving acknowledg-
sa- ed. For in the year 1605.
Peo- Had not the Lord been on
nded our side when Men rose
ade, up against us, they had
rou then swallowed us up
with quick, when their wrath
God, was inflamed, and the Fire
by almost kindled; yet that
larly Fire had but reached our
y to Bodies and thou (O God)
ow- couldst have delivered us
cies in that fire, as thou didst
deli- the three Children, that
al- it should not so much as
the have scorcht our Cloaths;
per- yea thou didst so deliver
, of us, and more, when as the
yet Actors themselves were
not picked up with the flames
yet

Thankful

of their own Fire: But there was a Fire that struck at our Souls not only the feigned burning Fire of Purgatory, but the Fire of Spiritual Whoredom and *Romish* Idolatry, that would even have reached and over-reached our Souls: the fury thereof would have drunk up our Spirits, yea all the true pious Graces of thy good Spirit in us. In the deliverance in the year 1588. the waves yea the proud waves, although they threatned horribly, yet could they but have drowned our Bodies: but in the swelling time of Popery there were

Remembrances.

were proud Waves, that
did, and would still have
gone over our souls, yea
those proud Waves of
blind Superstition and Po-
pish Tyranny would have
gone over our Souls. What
thanks can we render unto
thee (O God) that didst
not still give us over as a
prey into those Teeth
whereby Death and Hell
would have gnawn upon
us, and never consumed
us? praised be thy Name
O Lord, who didst then
save some of our fore-fa-
thers, by plucking them as
brands out of that fire, as
Lot out of Sodom; thou
didst save them from that
Spi-

Thankful

Spiritual Deluge, as Noah
and his Sonnes from the
drowning of the whole
World: praised be thy
Name for them. But what
praise can we yield unto
thee, O Lord, sufficient for
our selves, to whom thou
hast continued this Rescue
now more than from one
generation to another, and
still continuest it? Our best
thanks, O Lord, are less
than the least of thy other
Mercies in delivering us
from temporal dangers,
Then loe hear a Reason,
Lord, why we have been
so long, and must be still as
good as mute and still,
in this great deliverance
from

Remembrances.

from the eternal ruine of
our Souls because we can
never sufficiently praise
thee for these favours of
Eternity, till we come to
Eternity there to Praise
thee for ever and ever:

Yet in the mean time, O
Lord we desire to acknow-
ledge the Glory of
thy Grace. As we may be
able to conceive and con-
sider it.

Those *Marian* daies of
persecution were fierce and
rueful; in them thou didst
hide thy face from thy
Church in this Land: but
as was but for a mo-
ment in comparison of the
mercy which followed
in

Thankful.

in the days of blessed *Elizabeth*, that great Instrument of thy Glory and our good. Thy people did then hide themselves in their Chambers, nay, in the Dens and Caves of the Earth, with the old Saints. But it was but for a very little time, in respect of the time wherein thou hast enlarged us, and brought us forth into the gracious liberty of the Sons of God: When thou didst bring her from the prison to the Palace, and not only as *Joseph*, to be a Prince in *Egypt*, but to be a Queen of thine own peculiar people; when thou

Remembrance:

Thou didst bring back her
captivity and ours, as the
rivers in the South, then
was this our Church as in
dream, and when we saw
it was truth, then was our
mouths filled with laugh-
ter, and our tongues with
joy. And though the Mi-
nistrals of *Saul's* House may
deride and scoffe at these
pious Exultations: and
the Raptures of thy Ser-
vants, yet let us with holy
David be content to be
more vile in their sight,
while thou shalt please to
continue their burthen;
and that our Songs which
we make to thee in our
own Land, and our rejoy-
cings

Thankful

things in thee, may prove more burthenſom to them: and good Lord, do not thou ever ſuffer our thankfulneſs to fall ſo low, as to make thee ſeem off thy loving-kindneſs in diſpleaſure, or our ſinfulneſs to grow ſo high as to damp the light of thy Goſpel amongſt us, or to cauſe thy hand to remove our Candleſtick; but make it firm (O Lord) by thy power, and enlarge the light thereof into all the Congregations of this Kingdom. Let it alſo break into their houſes that ſhut their doors, and into their hearts that ſhut their eyes againſt it. And for the bet-

ter

Remembrances.

er promising hereof, as
thou didst bless that Patri-
arch of thy Church, great
James, our late dread So-
vereign, as the Man of thy
righthand, and diddest send
him amongst us to continue
the Light of thy Gospel,
from the daies of that fa-
mous *Elizabeth*, till now:
so we beseech thee more-
over, to bless his Son our
gracious Sovereign of hap-
py being that he may de-
fend us in the same until
his death: bless also the
heir of his Crown Prince
Charles and at the last com-
mend it to those that come
after, in no less, but rather
greater lustre. Good Lord,
make

Thankful X.

make this his only Son in
thy Son, and as thy pleasant
Child, that he may take
delight in thee, and in the
remembrance of thy great
and holy Names. Let thy
Name be to him as a strong
Tower; to which he may
always resort. O gracious
Lord God, do thou so
establish the kings Throne
and his posterities in Truth
and Judgment, that they
may not only be constant
in the professing, but strong
in promoting of thy Truth,
for defence of thy Faith,
and the maintenance of all
just and Righteous Causes,
so shall their Glory be
great in thy Salvation, and
our

Remembrances:

our Salvation great by that
story of thy grace, which
thou shewest us.
And to shall we, and ours
offer sacrifices of
praise and thankfulness to
thy glorious name, from
generation to generation
for evermore,

Amen.

Thankful

A Thanksgiving for the mi-
raculous stay of the
Plague, and our gracious
preservation from it, 1629

76 **O** Father of Mercy
and GOD of all
consolation, our only hope
and succour, which art still
(as ever) our help in time
of need, our refuge at all
times: Upon the bended
knees of our souls we give
thee most hearty thanks for
all thy unspeakable blessing
with which thou hast con-
tinually preserved us, and
for thy gracious providence
over us unto this day. Let
us remember before thee

Remembrances.

the times of our distracti-
ons, when with frighted
terror we did run and fly
for our lives in the sight of
death, and thy destroying
Angel, which thou hadst set
with his drawn sword in
the midst of our great City
and in divers parts of this
Land: yet as we fled, know-
ing we could not fly from
thee, and finding our sins
hang fast on us, we looked
every hour to fall into the
Pit, or to be reached by thy
hand. Heaven indeed stood
open to receive the godly,
and happy they that went
thither; but hell gaped al-
so to receive the wicked
and ungodly, and woe to
them

Thankful

them for ever. The Bell
were still tolling to, call
some or other to their last
home, and our hearts alway
trembling for fear of our
selves, or our eyes weeping
for loss of our friends:
wheresoever we went, at
home or abroad, griefs and
lamentations were: our
Companions, sighs and sob
our Comforters, whilst we
and misery were our daily
objects. The dross of this
World was then worth
nought: we would have gi-
ven all that we had, so we
might have bribed Death,
and taken any condition for
longer life: But no man
might ransom himself, or

Remembrances.

Believe me his Brother. The
raging Pestilence took away
the Rich with the Poor, the
Young with the Aged, and
leaving our houses desolate
did fill our Sepulchers with
the Dead. But now when
thy hungry countenance
had a while been bent a-
gainst us to make us look
back upon our selves, and we
were almost past hope;
when in our judgment, the
raging sickness was most
likely to scatter further in-
to all parts of the Land, then
when we were in the midst
of this misery, thou re-
membredst thy mercy, then
thou of thy great goodness
and free favour, turnedst thy
fury

Thankful

fury to clemency; and when
in Justice thou mightest
have swept us all from the
face of the earth, and never
more to let us have been
People, then commandedst
thou the slaying Angel to
sheath his Sword, and in the
midst of this our desolation
on it pleased thee most
wonderfully to command
health, and salvation, and to
restore us suddenly to joy
and gladness. We saw thy
great mercies, O Lord, far
to surpass our hope; and all
the world doth see and know
that thou art more merci-
ful, than we can be thank-
ful; for thou hast restored
health and comfort again
unto

Remembrances.

unto us, and given yet a
day to thine unpro-
bable servants; thou hast
ordained us conditions of
peace, if we shall not now
be unmindful of them. Lord
make every one of us
whom thou hast preserved
from, or delivered out of
the jaws of death, wisely
careful to make a right use of
this respite, and to redeem
the time, that none of us
turn with the Dog to his
den, to run any longer af-
ter those sins, that so made
us run from our houses, and
from our dearest Friends and
will, if we go on in them
without repentance, send us
with a vengeance, utterly
from

P

Thankful

from thy Blessed presence.
But, Lord, be thou as wonderful in rescuing our Souls from the power of our prevailing sins, as thou wert in delivering our bodies from that raging sickness, and settle our hearts in thy feare, that we may ever find thy favour. And good Lord God, we beseech thee make us ever thankfully mindful of thy great mercy to our selves and wonderful deliverance of our Land, from that noysome sickness, and fearful Plague; and accept, we pray thee, this our humble Sacrifice, where we desire to offer up our selves

Remembrances.

with these our most hearty
Thanks and prayers unto
Thee, in the mediation of
Jesus Christ our Lord and
Saviour, *Amen.*



*Another Thanksgiving for the
stay of the Plague, and our
deliverance from it, 1665.*

7 **W**E will magnific
thee, O God
our King, and will praise
thy Name for ever and e-
ver; because in the midst
of wrath, remembering mer-
cy, thou hast delivered our
souls from death and pre-
serv'd us from the noisom

Thankful

Pestilence. It is not for our
righteousness, O Lord, nor
for the cleanness of our
hands in thy sight, that
when thousands better
than our selves have fallen
besides us, and ten thou-
sands at our right hand, de-
struction has not come nigh
us, but we yet remain alive,
as it is this day. 'Tis thou, O
Lord, who dost wound and
heal again, killest and ma-
kest alive, bringest to Hell
and back from thence.
Thou hast vouchsafed a-
bove all humane aids and
means, such is thy power
and goodness, to command
thy Angel to stay his hand
and spare us. We therefore
for

Remembrances.

fore offer up unto thee at
once, the oblation of hear-
ty thanksgiving for this our
great deliverance, and of
humble and earnest prayer
for all those that are yet af-
flicted; beseeching thee for
thy Son Jesus Christ his
sake, to be gracious unto
them and us; that both they
and we in joint affection,
may acknowledge the ju-
stice of thy Punishment,
and record thine infinite
mercy in sparing us mise-
rable sinners: and this we
do in the Name of thy Son
and our Saviour, to whom
with thee and the holy
Ghost, be all praise and glory
now and ever, *Amen.*

for P 3 Almighty

Thankful

A Almighty God, who in
thy late dreadful vi-
sitation, hast covered with
thy hand thine anointed
servant our gracious Sove-
reign Lord King *Charles*, so
that no evil has happened
unto him: And also hast
compassed with thy merci-
ful protection, the Queen
and the whole Royal Fa-
mily, so that no plague has
come nigh their dwelling.
We acknowledge with all
thankfulness this thy di-
stinguishing, conspicuous
mercy vouchsafed at once
unto his Majesty and his
Dominions: beseeching
thee to continue still thy
gracious

Remembrances.

gracious goodnels towards
them ; to the glory of thy
Name, and the welfare and
prosperity of thy Church ;
and this we beg for Jesus
Christ his sake, *Amen.*

FINIS.

VERSES OF MANS MORTALITY,

With others

Of the Hope of his RESURRECTION,

12 OC 65

78 **L**ike as the Damask Rose you see,
Or like the dainty Flower in May,
Or like the Morning to the Day,
Or like the Son or like the Shade,
Or like the Gourd which Jonas had;

Even

Even such is man, whose thred is spun,

Or like the Don or like the Snare,
Or like the Gourd which *Texas* had;

Even

Even such is man, whose thred is spun,
Drawn out, and cur, and so is done.
The Rose withers, the Blossom blasted,
The Flower fades, the Morning hasteth,
The Sun sets, the Shadow flies,
The Gourd consumes, and Man he dies.
Like to the Grass that's newly sprung,

Or like a Tile that's new begun,
Or like the Bird that's here to day,
Or like the pearled Dew of *May*,

Or

P 5

Verses of Mans Mortality.

Or like an Hour, or like a Span,
Or like the finging of a Swan,
Even such is Man who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death?
The Grass withers, the Tale is ended,
The Bird is flown, the Dew's ascended,
The Hour is short, the Span not long,
The Swan's near Death, Mans life is done,

Like

Liketo the Bubble in the Brook ;
Or, in a Glass, much like a Look ;
Or like the Shuttle in Weaver's hand,
Or like the writing on the Sand,
Or like a thought, or like a Dream
Or like the giding of the Stream ;
Even such is Man, who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death,
The Bubble's cut, the Look's forgot,
The Shuttle's spun, the Writings Blot,

Verses of Mans Mortality.

The Thought is past, the Dream is gone,
The water glides, Mans life is done.
Like to an Arrow from the Bow,
Or like swift course of watry flow,
Or like that time 'twixt Flood and Ebb,
Or like the Spider's tender Web,
Or like a Race. or like a Gale,
Or like the dealing of a Dole.

Even

Even such is Man whole brittle Itare,

Even such is Man whole brittle Itare,
Is alwaies subject unto Fate.

The Arrows shot, the Flood soon spent,
The Time no Time, the Web soon rent,
The Race soon ran, the Gole soon won,
The Dole soon delt, Mans life soon done.
Like to the Lightning from the skie,
Or like a Post that quick doth hie;
Or like a Quaver in Shore Song,
Or like a Journey three days long.

Or

*Or
Verses of Man's Mortality*

Or like the Snow when Summers come,
Or like the Pear, or like the Plum:
Even such is Man who heaps up sorrow,
Lives but this day, and dies, to morrow,
The Lightning's past, the Post must go,
The Seng is short, the Journey's so,
The Pear doth rot, the Plum doth fall,
The Snow dissolves, and so must all.

The Snow dissolves, and so must all.

ON MAN'S RESURRECTION.

Like to the Seed put in Earth's Womb,
Or like dead *Lazarus* in his Tomb,
Or like *Tabitha* being asleep,
Or *Jonas* like within the deep,
Or like the Night, or Stars by day,
Which seem to vanish clean away: Even

Verses on Mans Resurrection.

Even so this Death Mans life bereaves,
But being Dead, man Death deceives.

○ The Seed it springeth, *Euz'rus* standeth,
Tablet wakes, and *Jonas* landeth.

The Night is past the Stars remain:

So man that dies shall live again:

Agnes

The

The BELL-MANS SOWN

The BELL-MANS SOUND

For the Fifth of November.

79 **A** Wake Britains Subjects all with one accord,

Extol and praise and magnifie the Lord.

Humble your selves, and with Devotion sing,

Praises of thanks to God for our most gracious King.

This was the Night, when, in a darksome Cell,

Treason was found in Earth's budchatche in Hell,

And

LEICESTER The Bell-mans Sound for the 5 of November

And had it took effect, what would avail our sorrow !

The train being lade to have blown's up o' th morrow.

Yet God our guide reveal'd the damned plot,

And they themselves destroy'd and we were not.

Then let us not forget, him thanks to render,

That hath preserv'd and kept our Faiths Defender.

For the Little of

THE BETTER-TOGETHER 2014 M D

THE BETTER-TOGETHER 2014 M D

80 **T**HE Night's well spent, the Day draws nigh,
Awake from sleep and sin arise.

All sluggish sloath expell away,
Have still in mind the Judgment Day,
When Dead shall rise and Trumpets Call,
The graves shall open wide withall.

Awake from sleep, awake from sin;
With voyce and heart to call on him,

Who

Who from above pleas'd to descend,
From Satans Maske us to defend.
Our forfett Souls, to that rich Grace,
Where we may still behold his Face,
Let us repair, and God implore,
That henceforth we estrang'd no more:
And that our Joy be at this tide,
That we in him be Yatisfied:
Then shall we all for his dear sake;
Be blest asleep, be blest awake.

THE
CONTENTS
of this Book.

What Prayer is.
2 What times we are to
take for Prayer.

3 First prepare thy heart, then seek
the Lord by Prayer.

4. What gesture we are to use in prayer

5 Why God sometimes doth not hear
Prayers.

6 A Direction in preparation to Prayer.

7 A good means to help us in our prepa-
ration, and to stir us up to prayer.

8 Some special passages of Gods Word ga-
thered up, wherewith the poor soul that is
troubled, may find comfort.

9 To help the Repenters faith, by the
mercy and grace of God in Christ; medi-
tation on these and such like places.

10 Holy sentences containing useful mat-
ter of meditation, and how to frame a
prayer.

11 The Readers Prayer.

12 Morning Prayer at our first rising
from sleep.

13 Another Morning Prayer.

14 A Prayer to be said when we wake
in the Morning.

15 A

The Table.

- 15 A Noor Prayer.
- 16 A Prayer before meat.
- 17 A Thanksgiving after meat.
- 18 An Evening Prayer.
- 19 A Meditation at Midnight.
- 20 A Morning Prayer for a Servant.
- 21 An Evening Prayer for Servants.
- 22 A Prayer for Children.
- 23 A Prayer for Sunday Morning.
- 24 A Prayer for Sunday Night.
- 25 A Soliloquy for Sunday at midnight.
- 26 A Morning Prayer for Monday.
- 27 An Evening Prayer for Monday.
- 28 A Morning Prayer for Tuesday.
- 29 An Evening Prayer for Tuesday.
- 30 A Morning Prayer for Wednesday.
- 31 An Evening Prayer for Wednesday.
- 32 A Prayer at any time in the Night
in the time of danger or Sin.
- 33 A Morning Prayer for Thursday.
- 34 An Evening Prayer for Thursday.
- 35 A Prayer for Friday Morning.
- 36 A Prayer for Friday Night.
- 37 A Trance or Soliloquy at Midnight.
- 38 A Prayer for Saturday Morning.
- 39 A Prayer for Saturday Night.
- 40 A Prayer before a Sermon.
- 41 A Prayer to be said after a Sermon.
- 42 A Prayer to be said before the
receiving of the Communion.
- 43 A Prayer and Thanksgiving after
Receiving of the holy Communion.
- 44 A Prayer to be used before Cate-
sing.

The Table.

- 1 A Prayer to be used after Catechising.
- 2 A most effectual Prayer against the plague in the time of danger.
- 3 A Prayer for Remission of sins.
- 4 A Prayer for Gods graces.
- 5 A Prayer for a quiet Conscience.
- 6 A Prayer against wicked and carnal thoughts.
- 7 An humble Confession of sins.
- 8 A Prayer to be said of all that are fallen into Poverty.
- 9 A Prayer in Prosperity.
- 10 A Prayer for all in distress at Sea, by Storm or Tempest.
- 11 A Prayer for one that travels by land.
- 12 A Prayer for a sick man.
- 13 A Prayer for a woman in the time of Travel.
- 14 A Thanksgiving after safe Deliverance.
- 15 A Prayer at the Hour of Death.
- 16 A Trance at the time of Death.
- 17 A Prayer in the time of War.
- 18 A form of Thanksgiving and Prayer to be used of godly Christians in their Families.
- 19 An heavenly Meditation.
- 20 A Prayer for acknowledging of Gods goodness and mercy unto us.
- 21 A Prayer for Gods Protection of his Church in respect of the present troubles of it.
- 22 A godly Prayer.
- 23 A Prayer to be used upon the 30 of January, being the day of the Martyrdom of King Charles the first.
- 24 A

The Table.

68. A Prayer to be used upon the 29th May, being the day of his Majesties Birth and Happy Return to his Kingdoms.

69. A devout Prayer against the Plague the time of Common Visitation.

70. A Special Remedy for a sick person whereby the patient may recover him from the Valley of Tears to the Hill of Joy, & Meditation for the Plague.

71. A Prayer of King Edward the 6th.

72. A Prayer to be used upon the 21st and 4th of Sept. being the days that the greatest part of the City of London was consumed by Fire.

73. A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the unmatchable Popish Gunpowder Treason, 1605.

74. A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the Spanish Invasion, in 1588.

75. A Thanksgiving for the deliverance of this Land from Popish Superstition and Tyranny.

76. A Thanksgiving for the miraculous stay of the plague, and our gracious preservation from it, 1525.

77. Another Thanksgiving for the stay of the Plague and our deliverance from it, 1553.

78. Verses of Mournfullness: with other of his Resurrection.

79. The Bull-mans Journal of the fifteenth November.

80. With other of the Bull-mans Sayings.

12-06-65

... 29
... Bi
... ms.
... ague
... k fo
... ham
... of Jo
... be 6
... a. 3
... bat
... on n
... veran
... pwa
... veran
... on u
... acula
... us p
... stay
... om i
... h oib
... ffish
... Sain







Merry State

ankful Remembrance of the

h. of August, 1588

Ships,
Galleons,

20 C. will. 23 Zabras.
10 B. nat. 12 Oares a piece
4 Ga. asses. 3 Barthen of all
4 Ga. dr. 57868 Tun.

Tun.



3 Tun.

In some 50 Ordnance a piece
2630 pieces of Ordnance,
great middle Culverins,
and some great Cannons.

100, some 70 Tun.

ere to joyn the Duke of Parma, and he commanded
piece with Bridges, and two Oars in a Boat. Also
shoak Havens, to make Bridges.

ke of Parma had Saddles, Bridles, all sorts of Ordn
guns 56, Men to each Ensign 100, 10 Walloons, 8
revolted English fugitives under Stanley, Westminster
gn.

1588. from the Spanish Armado, with a true
their strength.

as.	171	Insigns.
a piece.	8650	Marriners.
of all.	19298	Souldiers.
Tun.	2808	Galley slaves.
	224	Voluntiers.
a piece.	455	allowed Servants.
ance,	401	Servants.
ins,	167	For the Cannon.
nons.	85	For the Hospital.

108	Chirurgeons.
22	Gentlemen to attend the Duke.
50	Servants.
17	Super-Intendents.
100	Servants to the Office of Justice
108	Churchmen.

manded these powers: 32 Ships of War, 70 Flat bottoms,
Also he had 200 Boats in New-port Haven, and 2000

Ordnance and Munition, with 4900 Horse, Foot Com-
ons, 8 Scots Burgundians, 30 Italians, 60 Spaniards, 90
sterland, and Pages. The Pope contributed a Million of



*Spring from
eye of field*

*Spring from London and County & all the
in many places to the ruin of the distressed*



*The dead brought out at the
eye of the Bell before
the Cart.*

*Infected person
sent to the Typhouse.*

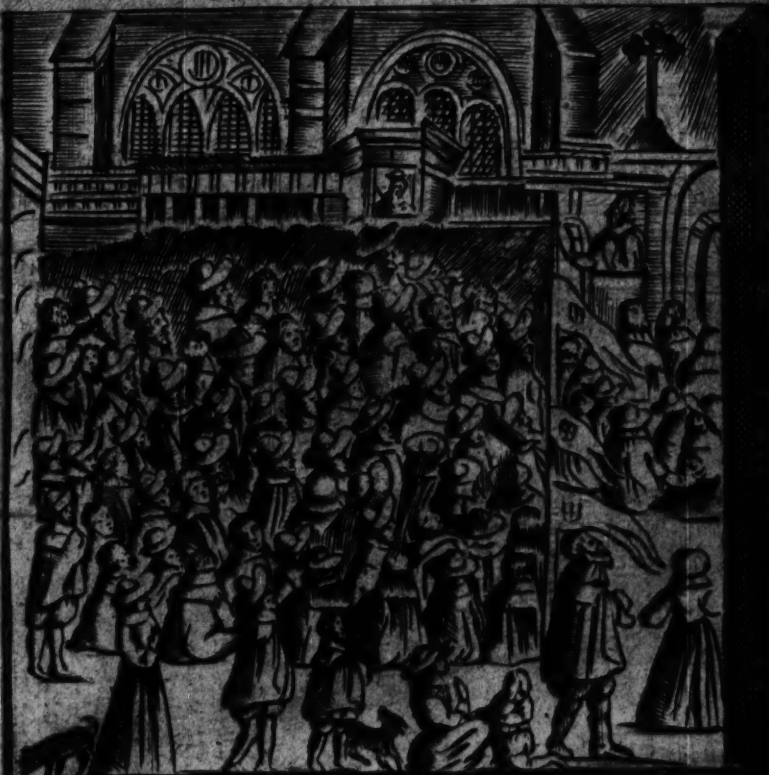
The Searchers

Carts filled with Dead, and Hundreds put into Large pits in several fields.



LONDON
in Flames Sept:
1766.





A Thankfull Remembrance 17. 88

*A Miracle of Mercy to us who have escaped the two D
With Prayers, and Thanksgivings pertinent to such fa
us from; and for a Remembrancer, I have here in
City of London and the Liberties thereof, in the said*

*From the 17. of December 1624, to the
63001, of the Plague 41313. whereof in one
of the Plague 4463.*

*From the 20. of December 1664, to the
97306. of the Plague, 68596. whereof in one
of the Plague 7165.*

two Dreadful years of Pestilence 1625, and 1665.
In such sad times, which God of his infinite mercy deliver
were inserted the true number of those that died in the
the said years, viz.

to the 15. of December 1625. died of all Diseases
in one week August 18. 1625 of all Diseases 5205

to the 19 of December 1665. died of. all Diseases
in one week September 19. 1665. of all Diseases 8297





The wonderfull debuietance 1605.



There were Martyred in five years
the number of 260, as you may see in
time, and place of suffering, in the Bo
occasions more at large, in the *Book of*



years of *Queen Maries* days about
see more particularly their names,
the Book of the *Fiery Tryal*, and the
Book of Martyrs.



The night of death superstition





The night of Death's Supplication



The Return of the Gospel's Light

*A Discovery of our wonderfull Deliverance from the
the Fifth of November*

The manner of finding out this horrible Treason (by the great
a Letter, which (for memory to Posterity) is here inserted as

MR Lord, out of the Love I bear to some of your Friends, I
advise you as you tender your life, to devise some way to shif
hath conspired to punish the wickedness of this time: and think not
your Countrey, where you may expect the event with safety, for they
shall receive a terrible blow this Parliament, and yet they shall not s
because it may do you good and can do you no harm, for the danger
hope God will give you the grace to make good use of it, to whose

The Traytors
Names.

Everard Digby, Knight,

Robert Catesby, Esquire,

Ambrose Rockwood Esquire,

Francis Tresham, Esquire,

Barrells of Powder, 36.

Robert Winter,

Thomas Percy,

Thomas Winter,

John Wright, G

Faggots to cover

from the hellish and horrible Powder-Treason,
November, 1605.

the great goodness of God) was by the mystical sense of
red as it was sent to the Lord Mounteagle.

nds, I have a care of your preservation, therefore would ad-
to shife off your attendance at this place. For God and Man
ink not sleight of this advertisement, but retire your self into
for though there be no appearance of any stir, yet I say, they
ll not see who hurt them. This counsel is not to be contemned;
danger is past as soon as you have burnt the Letter, and I
o whose holy protection I commend you.

inter, Esq; } Christopher Wright, Gent.

Percy, Gent. } John Grant, Gent.

Winter, Gent. } Robert Keys, Gent.

ght, Gents } Guy Faulx, and Bates, Catshies Mans

o cover them 500. The Billets, 1000.



